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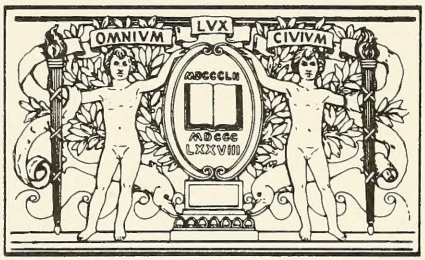

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Foreword

It has been more than five years since I initiated a habit of collecting and arranging materials such as are embraced in the following pages. Tedious to one's self, and uninteresting to the reader, would be particular mention of periods of labor, intervals of suspension, or discouragements that often seemed to forbid completion of the work. At no time, however, have I been devoid of reverence for ancestry or of a wish to contribute to a perpetuation of their memorial. But even now, after long-cherished intentions of giving some day to the press a Mo(r)sman genealogy, I would, because of unpreparedness, postpone the attempt, were it not for apprehension that a duty already too long deferred may in that case be delayed forever. The compiler feels that life is short and uncertain, and presents these pages as they are.

The preceding words have been adapted from the introduction to a genealogy written by a distant ancester (Frederick Freeman, *Freeman Genealogy*. [Boston, 1875]). In his case, the task lasted fifty years! For me the chore was shortened to about five years by an IBM computer, an 80 cps printer and by others whose contributions to the collection of data were substantial. The accuracy of what follows, however, is solely my responsibility.

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Preface

It is with mixed feelings that I send Volume 1 to the printer. It is clear that considerable information about early Mosman families is revealed for the first time, yet it is obvious that many public records have not yet been found. For example, James[1]'s life before 1675 is still an enigma, and we know little about his wife Anna. A search for her is continuing, and already there is an hypothesis about her maiden name. Scottish antecedents need additional clarification.

A descendant of James[1] can have a sense of pride about the contributions of the first six generations. Some were settlers in frontier communities where the conditions of life were harsh, and self-protection and survival were paramount. Some gave their lives in the quest for a better existence in pre-revolutionary wars. Ten Mosman males responded to the country's call to achieve independence, and two were officers in the protracted struggle of the Revolutionary War.

In the euphoria of post-war independence, two Morsmans were the first settlers in 1783 in the Vermont town of Stratton and two other veterans looked for a better existence, one moving to Vermont in 1798 and another to what is now Maine in 1798. A Morsman was in western New York by 1804, and by 1820 Mosman families were as far west as Ohio.

Some early Mosman individuals were professionals, and others became farmers or pursued trades such as blacksmithing and carpentry. This genealogy reveals little of the contributions of the wives or female children, but it seems safe to say their roles in the family or community were substantial. With each marriage they added an equal and unique amount to the gene pool, and only a diminishing fraction can be said to be Mosman per se in subsequent generations.

Although this study is not intended to be one of comparative demographics, there are some results worth noting. Of the 447 individuals born to the first seven generations, 260 were males and 187 were females, a sixty-forty ratio. Another interesting point is the unusual longevity of the five surviving males in the

first three generations. They as a group averaged well over ninety years of age.

Mosman families seem to have been a microcosm of American society in general. Individual Mosmans died of the diverse communicable diseases that fatally affected society, and as a result caused the average age at death to decline precipitously. Accidental deaths and mental illness appear to approximate the proportions in society in general. There were two first-cousin marriages, one in the fifth and one in the sixth generation.

One of the nicer aspects of working on one's family history is the number of pleasant Mosman and Morsman individuals that are now friends. Another is the hope that knowledge of the past will provide a better perspective of the present as well as a greater inter-family as well as intra-family unity. This would appear to one of the larger more important purposes of such an effort. Finally, I welcome corrections or additions to Volume 1, and the sharing of data for generations seven through ten. Photographs of you or your ancestor would be most welcome, and would be returned to you promptly. Many already have contributed, and well over two hundred pages now exist on disk awaiting the completion of Volume 2. Those who contribute information, photographs, etc., about later generations will receive copies of this volume while they last.

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Mrs. Anna Frackiewicz, M.A. of Edinburgh, Scotland provided evidence relative to the possible relationship between the New England Mosman and the Pennsylvania Mossman families. She also located the parish register references for James[1], his brother and his sister. The data concerning the family of John Mossman was researched by Historical Research Associates of Belfast, Ireland.

Gale[11] and Amy[11] Jean Mosman spent many hours in the Worcester Public Library identifying and photocopying vital records. Other family members who helped were Susan[11] (Cronan) Mosman and Timothy[11] Mosman who obtained many of the Hampden County Massachusetts probate records and also found the S.A. Lewis Family History in the Springfield, Massachusetts Public Library.

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Staff genealogists of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Gerald Anderson and William Schoeffler, provided during a 1987 seminar many leads to early Boston records. Credit is also due William Schoeffler for retrieving a copy of James[1]'s will

despite being incorrectly indexed in Suffolk County Massachusetts probate court.

Georgia E. Dent, C.A.L.S., quickly and efficiently obtained substantial amounts of census data uncovering many facts about early Mos(s)man and Morsman families from 1790 to 1900.

Shirley Pizziferri collected a large portion of data from the Massachusetts State Archives, the Massachusetts Bureau of Vital Statistics and the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds. The writer is indebted to her for critically and diligently reviewing the text and making a considerable number of significant revisions. DAR records and many of the National Archives files were researched by Shirley Langdon Wilcox, C.G.

The many years of work by my brother Wayne[10] Mosman is gratefully recognized. His data provided immediate leads to information that otherwise would have required many hours of research.

Edgar[9] Martin Morsman and Eugene[9] Kimball Morsman generously gave the compiler records, an early photograph and offered recollections about Morsman families. Carolyn C. Perkins obtained much of the data about Morsmans in Jefferson County, New York.

The compiler is indebted to a number of other relatives who kindly furnished details about their families and ancestors. The data furnished often appears in both volumes of this study. Some of these contributors are listed here:

Chester[9] Elwin Mosman and his wife Louise of Framingham, Massachusetts cheerfully furnished data and photographs on the descendants of Mark[5] Mosman.

Richard[9] and Marion Mosman of Rochester, New York and the compiler exchanged a considerable amount of family information.

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The contributions of others are noted within the text.

The patience and help of countless town clerks and librarians was essential to the completeness of the data given in this book and is gratefully acknowledged.

I

Introduction

The writer's interest in genealogy goes back to 1960 when he visited cemeteries and town halls in New England in search of data about his ancestors. It was not until his retirement in 1985 that a serious effort was begun to produce a multi-generational, Mosman family history.

The purpose of this genealogical study was to document James[1]'s date of birth, to develop a pedigree for him, to determine where and how he first arrived in the Colonies, to describe his life, to find and publish his will for the first time and to identify and describe descendant families in ten succeeding generations. Historical events that occurred during each generation, particularly those events in which family members were participants, are described.

In accumulating the data of this study, generally accepted methods and sources were utilized and the data organized according to the Register Plan. Generation numbers are in superscript after an individual's name. Roman numerals give the order of birth within a family, and arabic numbers are used to indicate males who marry and leave male issue. Where dates of birth, death, etc., in original records reflect both the Julian and the

Gregorian date, both are recorded. Source documents, books, vital records, census and military records, etc., are referenced in parentheses generally at the end of the paragraph where the record is given (Marcia Wiswall Lindberg, ed., *Genealogist's Handbook For New England Research* [Boston, 1985]; Dr. Ralph Crandall, *Shaking Your Family Tree* [Dublin, NH], 225).

In writing this genealogy, the compiler followed the format used by genealogists ("STYLE SHEET A guide for manuscripts submitted to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register" New England Historic Genealogical Society [Boston, 1977]).

Frequently used abbreviations include:

anc.	ancestor	**g.s.**	gravestone
b.	birth, born	**m.**	married, mother
bp.	baptised	**obit.**	obituary
bro.	brother	**par.**	parent
bur.	buried	**p.c.**	personal communication
ca.	circa	**poss.**	possible, possibly
cert.	certificate	**prob.**	probably
ch.	child, children	**res.**	reside, resided
co.	county	**s.**	son
d.	died	**sis.**	sister
dau.	daughter	**stillb.**	stillborn
div.	divorced	**twp.**	township
d.y.	died young	**w.**	wife
fam.	family	**wid.**	widow
fl.	flourished	**unm.**	unmarried

Certain frequently referenced entities are given in shortened form, for example:

MaSA	=	Massachusetts State Archives
MaBVS	=	Massachusetts Bureau of Vital Statistics
MeSA	=	Maine State Archives
LDS	=	Church of the Latter Day Saints
DAR	=	Daughters of the American Revolution
MsVtSP	=	Manuscripts, Vermont State Papers in the Office of the Secretary of State

It should be noted that LDS records and undocumented family histories and genealogical books have been referenced here only where the primary record was not found. Where the state for a place name is not given, it may be assumed to be a Massachusetts location unless the context indicates otherwise. Where a state is abbreviated, the standard Post Office form is utilized:

MA = Massachusetts, VT = Vermont, NY = New York,
OH = Ohio, UT = Utah, CA = California, etc.

Compiler comments or relevant historical facts are placed within the text in brackets. Photographs have been placed near the text which describes that individual's family. Some data, not readily placed in the text, are included in appendices.

The findings are given in two volumes. The first covers the first six generations and the second volume generations seven through ten.

II

Existing Family History

There are several existing family histories for Mosman and Morsman families. They are listed here for the benefit of those who might wish to consult them:

Mrs. Leroy McMahon. Family Bible record (available at the New England Historic Genealogical Society)

Charles Norman Chase. *Genealogy of the Mosman Family, Our Branch* (from Scottish History to descendants of Ezekiel[6]; there are a number of other handwritten and typed papers which are untitled and unsigned that are believed for one reason or another to be the work of Chase and they are collectively referred to as Charles Norman Chase, *Mosman Genealogy*)

Mrs. Seth A. Lewis. *Mosman* (deals with the George[3] branch of the Mosman families; many marriages of the females and their children are given) [the author is conjectural]

Louise[9] Mosman. *History of the Mosman Family* (history from Matthias[4] and the pedigree from Mark[5] to her husband Chester[9] E.)

Mabel[8] Pratt Mosman. Untitled family history dealing with the pedigree from James[1] to Arthur[8] W. Mosman

Marion[9] Mosman. *Genealogy—Mosman Family* (many details about the descendants of Dr. Moses[4] Mosman)

Richard[9] Reynolds Mosman. *The American Descendants of James Mosman* (traces the pedigree from James[1] to Jonas[6] K., to the author)

Stephen[9] Mosman. Untitled Accumulation of Data About Mo(s)sman families

Wayne[10] Mosman. *The Mosman Family-A Genealogy* (an extensive family history covering Scottish history, heraldry, summarizing data obtained from many sources)

Edgar Martin Morsman. *Edgar Martin Morsman and His Four Sons.* [Omaha, 1963]

Edgar Martin Morsman. *Mary, Edgar & Truman Mosman and Their Ancestors in the United States of America* (deals with the Morsman families indicated and contains summaries of the lines of the wives of Morsmans from Oliver[4])

Doris L. Pierce. Untitled collection of papers about Mosman families of Maine

Several town histories contain Mosman genealogical data:

Alfred Sereno Hudson, *History of Sudbury 1638-1889* [1891]

William Sweetzer Heywood, *History of Westminster 1728-1893* [Lowell, MA, 1893], 798-80

Ezra S. Stearns, *History of Ashburnham 1734-1886* [Ashburnham, MA, 1887], 833-834

Francis Everett Blake, *History of the Town of Princeton 1759-1915* [Princeton, MA, 1915]

Cyrus Eaton, *History of Thomaston, Rockland, and South Thomaston Maine* 1 [1865]:336-337

Portrait and Biographical Record of Johnson, Poweshiek and Iowa Counties [Chicago, 1925], 131

The Mo(r)sman name has received little attention from genealogists, and where there has been attention little or no documen-

tation has been offered. Errors or inconsistencies exist in such works, and, although no attempt has been made here to examine their content in detail, several of those errors are noted and corrected within this study. Cutter and Virkus are representative of those who have given limited and in places erroneous examination to Mo(r)sman families:

William Richard Cutter, *Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Middlesex County Massachusetts* [New York, 1908] 2:627-628

Frederick Adams Virkus, ed., *The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy* [Chicago, 1925] 1:945 and 7:762-763

The town histories and the work of Cutter and Virkus are available in the major libraries of New England. The family histories mentioned are all in the possession of the compiler.

III

Scottish Pedigree for James[1] Mosman

The search for the origin of the Mosman name begins in Scotland at the time of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066. Before then surnames were not in use there or in Scotland. The use of a second name was a custom introduced by the Normans who had adopted it not long before. It was during the reign of Edward II (1307-27) that surnames became general amongst common people (H.B. Guppy, *Homes of Family Names in Great Britain* [Baltimore, 1968], 15).

In the study of names, five classes are generally recognized. One class identifies names derived from places. Thus, it is likely that the name evolved ca. 1300 perhaps from people who "lived on or close by a moss." (L.G. Pine, *The Story of Surnames* [Rutland, VT, 1966], 12; J. Rose and D. Rose, *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*).

Moving from this reasonable and historically correct understanding of the origin of the name to identifying actual persons in our pedigree is a step to be taken with caution. One individual in Scotland was Thomas Mosman about whom there is documentation in the year 1426. Some family historians have assumed that he is our earliest known ancestor. Perhaps so but there is,

however, no proof offered by those who so speculate (George F. Black, *The Surnames of Scotland, Their Origin, Meaning and History* [New York, 1946], 614; William Sweetzer Heywood, *History of Westminster 1728-1893*), hereafter cited as Heywood, *Westminster.*

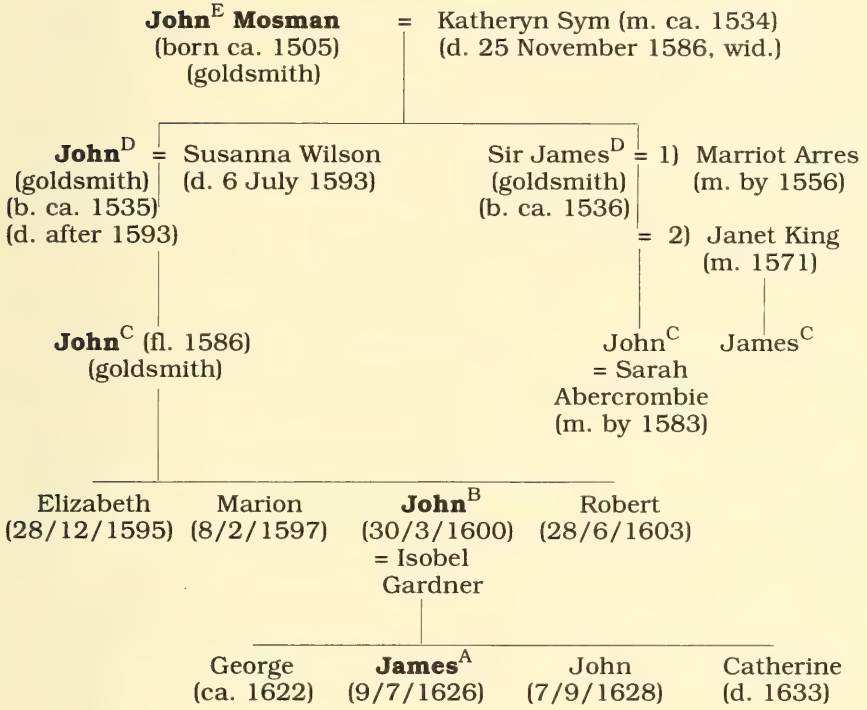
This compiler, without knowledge of or access to records of fifteenth, sixteenth or seventeenth century Scotland, enlisted the aid of Dr. Gwyneth Nair of Glasgow University, a specialist in such history. Her knowledge included the ability to translate early Scottish records many of which were in script or Latin. Her research uncovered hundreds of verifiable vital records, sasines (deeds), testaments (wills), charters, etc., which were used to create a pedigree for our ancestor James[1] Mosman. Many portions of the pedigree are supported by records and they are noted within the text.

The results included a surprising number of Mosmans. An unusual number of them were goldsmiths, e.g., Alan, Alexander and John Mosman were goldsmiths who pre-date the pedigree that follows. John[E], born ca. 1505, probably the son of Andrew, is the first in the line to James[1] Mosman.

John[E] probably was the Royal Goldsmith to King James V (1512-1542) of Scotland and Burgess of Edinburgh. He married Katherine Sym ca. 1534. She died, a widow, on 25 November 1586 (Roll of the Edinburgh Burgesses, 1406-1700; Commissariot of Edinburgh 1514-1600).

During the reign of King James V, the sovereigns of Europe began to consider open crowns no longer consistent with their dignity because the design did not distinguish them from the coronets of Nobles. The open crowns were ordered closed, i.e., bands of gold were brought up from the sides to meet the top which was then surmounted by the Imperial Ball and Cross. This historic change was entrusted to the court jeweler John[E] Mosman who, in 1540, remade the Scottish Crown and that of Mary of Guise. John[E] was a man of note in his day. Under his direction workmen were brought from Holland, Germany and Lorraine and employed in working gold and silver mines (Proc. Soc. Antiq. Scotland 1891).

Pedigree Chart For James Mosman



John[E] was incarcerated, according to some, in the celebrated Tolbooth prison in Edinburgh because of his loyalty to the crown of James V. After effecting an escape from Tolbooth prison, he fled to Holland taking with him a Mosman family clock. This clock was later brought to America and was in the possession of Mrs. G.T.C. Holden or her descendants ca. 1870. There has been no independent verification of this account regarding John[E]. Others have thought that John[E] soon left for Switzerland and that one of his descendants, Nicole, immigrated to America ca. 1836 (Heywood, *Westminster*, 798; Earl E. Mossman, *Mossman Clan*). [Mary Frances (Mosman) Holden was the daughter of Moses[6] (*Nahum*[5], *Moses*[4], *James*[3], *Timothy*[2], *James*[1])].

John[E] was likely in Edinburgh in 1575, but probably died (or left the country?) before 1586, for he is not mentioned in the testament of his wife Katheryn on 25 November 1586.

The children of John[E] and Katherine (Sym) Mosman probably were the following:

i. John[D] (senior) b. ca. 1535.

ii. James b. ca. 1536.

The account of the younger son James[D] follows first because of the posthumous connection of his sons John and James to the pedigree of his older brother John. The latter's pedigree, direct to James[1], follows thereafter.

James[D] married (1), by 1556, Marriot Arres, daughter and heir of the late John Arres. They were involved with "the tenement of John Arres situated on the north side of King's High Street." His armorial bearing and the initials of James and Marriot are under a bow window on the west front of this 15th century house in Edinburgh, Scotland. This building was occupied later by John Knox, the famous Scottish reformer (Protocol Book of Alexander King, V. 5:101; P. Miller, "John Knox and His Manse").

James[D], goldsmith, was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh on 3 October 1558 by right of his father John[E], goldsmith and Burgess. He was referred to as Sir James, and was the royal goldsmith and court jeweler to Queen Mary of Guise and other members of her family. Among them, Michelet mentions in his work "Les Eccossais en France" an "ingot of ora" procured from James[D] for the Duke of Guise (Roll of the Edinburgh Burgesses 1406- 1700; Register of the Privy Council, September 1567; Bertha Mossman Kaler, *Concerning the Family of Mossman*, hereafter cited as Kaler).

Sir James[D] and Marriot held lands at Langhirmanstown and Currie which they bought from Nicholas Sym, goldsmith. John Mosman, sheriff clerk, was a witness. They conveyed the fee of their house on High Street, later called the John Knox House, to their son John[C] Mosman and his heirs on 26 July 1560. Marriot's death has not been found (Registrum Magni Sigilli Regum Scotorum, 1546-1580; Protocol Book of Alexander Guthrie).

Sir James[D] married (2) Janet King, daughter of Alexander King, advocate, in the following charter ratified on 20 June 1570/1 by King James VII of Scotland: "Charter maid be ung II James Mossman, goldsmyt burges of Edingburg to Jonet, King dochter to Alexander King advocatt burges of the sand bur, his spous." (Act of Parliament, Vol. III, 20 June 1570/1). [some family histories incorrectly characterize this charter as a will]

Sir James[D] became embroiled in the Jacobite cause, loyal to Mary Queen of Scots during her nineteen year imprisonment by Queen Mary of England. Early in 1573 he took part in the defense of Edinburgh Castle under Sir William Kirkaldy of Grange. John Knox, then resident of the house on High Street, predicted a dire fate for Kirkaldy and urged him to abandon the defense of the castle. The castle fell on 23 May 1573 and "William Kirkaldy of Grange, sometime captain of the castle and Sir James[D] Mosman, goldsmyt, were harelit in two carts backward from the Abbey, to the Cross of Edinburgh, and there hanged, third of August 1573." (Proc. Soc. Antiq. Scotland, 1891; *Boston Transcript*, 8 June 1906).

The children of Sir James[D] were as follows:

i. John[C], b. after 1556; m. Sarah Abercrombie ca. 1583. He was elected Burgess by 1580. He died on 14 November 1605 (his testament, dated 22 March 1606).

ii. James[C], b. ca. 1572, son of Sir James[D] and Janet King, his second wife.

John[D], the older brother of Sir James[D] and son of John[E] and Katherine Sym, was born ca. 1535. He married Susanna Wilson, probably the daughter of Lucas Wilson. John[D] also was a goldsmith. He was admitted to the Guild Corporation in 1575. The Guild's President was also John Mosman, probably his father John[E]. John[D] used the goldsmith mark "M" over two communion cups. John[D] was elected Burgess of Edinburgh in 1591. Susanna died on 6 July 1593 (Roll of the Edinburgh Burgesses, 1406-1700; Edinburgh Parish Register; C.J. Jackson, *Scottish Goldsmiths and Their Marks*, 1921).

There seems little doubt that John[D] and his son John[C] were related to Sir James[D], the goldsmith executed in 1573, for they were responsible for John[C], the eldest son of Sir James[D]. Also they received the other son of Sir James[D], James[C], as an apprentice in 1586 (cf Magnum Sigilli, 1581-82).

John[C], son of John[D] and Susanna, was a goldsmith who flourished from about 1536 until after 1603. John[C] probably had three children:

i. Elizabeth[B] bp. Edinburgh 28 December 1595 (Original Registers of the Edinburgh Parish Church).

ii. Marion bp. 8 February 1597 (*ibid.*).

iii. John bp. 30 March 1600 Edinburgh (*ibid.*).

iv. Robert bp. Edinburgh 28 June 1603 (*ibid.*).

These baptismal records specifically state that the father was "John the younger goldsmith." The first son John[B], was a stabular or ostler (inn keeper). He married Isobell Gardner, probably about 1621. The record of their marriage has not been found, although baptismal records indicate that there was such a marriage and that it produced at least three children:

i. George[A] B. ca. 1622 (conjectural, no record of birth found). A George Mosman, merchant, m. Margaret Patoun on 17 October 1658. He died on 2 February 1699 (his testament).

ii. James b. 9 July 1626. Witnesses: David Edge, James Wardrob' and James Gardner (Original Registers of Edinburgh Parish Church 685/1 V. 3:77). [see Appendix 1]

iii. John b. 17 September 1628. Witnesses: Johnne Broun and Johne Meason (*ibid.*, 3:120). [see Appendix 1]

iv. Catherine (date of birth uncertain); d. 8 September 1633 (*ibid.*, 4:85).

No further evidence has been found about the life of this family in Scotland, including marriages of the sons or the deaths of John[B] and Isobell. James[A], and possibly his brothers George and John, found their way to the American Colonies. Nothing has been

found to indicate when they came. Moreover, only James[1]'s presence in Massachusetts Bay Colony has been confirmed. He was the first Mos(s)man to settle in the British Colonies, arriving before 1675. From him are descended the Mos(s)man and Morsman families that are the subject of these two volumes.

Wilbur Mossman's "The Mossman Story" presents considerable valuable information about the descendants of his ancestor John[1] Mossman. Wilbur provides a pedigree for John Mossman, indicating that he was the great-grandson of James[A] Mosman:

James[A] Mosman b. [9 July 1626, d. 28 October 1722]
|
James, Jr. Mossman b. ca. 1660 (Minister)
|
James Mossman b. 17 November 1679/d. 22 February 1773
| m. Magdalene Harris 18 May 1706
| [18 March 1716]
|
John[1] Mossman b. ca. 1709 at Killyleagh, County Down
Ireland [bp. 8 August 1718]
m. Elizabeth Herdman ca. 1746
[21 July 1746]

The bracketed vital records are documented additions to Wilbur's hypothetical pedigree. Except for the documented portions, it is difficult to accept the accuracy of this pedigree for Wilbur offers no primary documentation to substantiate the pedigree. Independent research by this compiler has turned up the documenting (bracketed) data but nothing has been found to verify the existence of a Minister James Mossman, who flourished after the year 1660 in either Scotland or Ireland. Kaler indicated that the Minister James came to Boston in 1713 and "took up land" in Boston, yet no Suffolk County, Massachusetts deeds verify this assertion. Also, a search of vital records in Edinburgh yielded no trace of a son, nor a marriage, for James[A]. The search for his existence in Ireland or elsewhere is ongoing (Presbyterian Fasti Scotiae; Ministers of the Killyleagh Presbyterian Church 1685-1747; General Synod Meetings of the Presbyterian Church attended by Elders 1694-1758; Presbyterian Church Ministers from 1642; Kaler; Wilbur Mossman, *The Mossman Story* [Wichita, 1988], 29-31.)

An interesting and perhaps relevant reference is "Mossman of Mount James" banished, as a Covenenter, to the Plantations from Leith, the Port section of Edinburgh, 1 August 1678. The transporting ship apparently stopped in the the Indies. The name, origin and appropriate time frame lend credence to the hypothesis that this could be a relative of James[A]. No further evidence about this person has been found (David Dobson, *Directory of Scots Banished the the American Plantations 1650-1775* [Baltimore, 1983], 168).

There is no doubt, however, that John[1] Mossman lived in Ireland in County Down, for his baptismal record was found in the files of the Killyleaugh Prebyterian Church in that county dated 8 August 1718. His parents were James and Magdalen (Harris) Mossman, who were married on 18 March (or May, month unclear) 1716. John Mossman, therefore, was probably born in 1717, although this date is in contradiction to family histories written by his descendents which give the date of birth as 1709. He married Elizabeth Herdman on 21 July 1746, and they had at least eight children all born in Ireland:

i. James b. 6 October 1747.

ii. Francis b. 2 January 1750.

iii. Eleanor b. 14 December 1752.

iv. Nancy b. ca. 1753.

v. Ann b. 6 May 1755.

vi. John b. ca. 1758.

vii. Lillias b. ca. 1762.

viii. William Herdman b. ca. 1765.

John and his family, except his wife and daughter Ann, migrated to America, in two groups. The first group, which probably consisted of James, Francis and their children as well as Eleanor and Nancy, left Ireland about 1784, a year indicated by a later census record. The second group, which included John[1] and the remainder of the family, left Belfast, Ireland on the ship *St. James*

on 22 April 1789. The Captain was Mark Collins who successfully navigated the ship to New Castle, Delaware on 23 July 1789 (Killyleagh Presbyterian Church records D1759/1D/11; LDS, IGI, Ireland, N0035, 10,806; 1860 US Census OH; Hannah Benner Roach, "Post Revolutionary Arrivals in the Delaware River." The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, 1973, V. 8:81-85).

In the search for vital records from the files of the Killyleaugh Presbyterian Church, a list of inhabitants of Killyleagh was found with the notation that "there was a Samuel Mossman in Aughnadarragh in 1689". The notation was found in the margin in the Townland of Tullveery which is in the Barony of Dufferin Parish of Killyleagh, County Down, Ireland. Samuel is also referred to without comment in "The Mossman Story". The hypothesis, however, that Samuel could be John[1]'s grandfather is reasonable given the nearness of time and place for both Samuel and James Mossman, John's father. Wilbur Mossman's pedigree given above also remains a valid alternative hypothesis, for a James Mossman was apparently located in County Down in 1674 (Public Rec. Office, Belfast/Misc. Papers, Box 181, Bundle V./T640 /120).

In summary, no primary evidence has as yet been located to verify a grandparental relationship between James[1] Mosman and John[1] Mossman. Further no documentation has been found to indicate that James[1] married and had a son who migrated to Ireland although the absence of any information about his early life suggests that additional study of the general hypothesis is warranted.

IV

Heraldry

Heraldry is the practice of devising, describing (blazoning) and granting armorial insignia and tracing and recording genealogies. The system can be traced to the beginning of the thirteenth century, and probably was in use in nearly every European country. In Scotland, the recorded history, legal basis and registration of arms resulted in an inconsistent body of knowledge and laws about heraldry prior to 1672. In that year an act of 1592 was ratified and the Register created by that Act still continues to be the Public Register of all Arms and Bearings in Scotland. In this country, however, heraldry and the registration of arms has been greatly abused. The problem has been the practice of assuming a coat of arms without authority usually from the nearest heraldic artist who obtains it from an heraldic encyclopedia.

In Scotland the Lord Lyon King of Arms exercises the Royal prerogative given to him to grant arms to "Virtuous and well deserving persons." A coat of arms is either granted or matriculated by the Lyon Office. If it is granted by the Crown, the grantee and his family have noble status. Arms may be granted by the Lyon Office retrospectively to a Scottish ancestor as a result of the petition of descendant nationals of other countries. Once

granted that coat of arms descends to the senior male descendant. Descendants of younger sons inherit only a right to apply for a version of the ancestral arms with an added mark of difference appropriate to their place in the family. Neither relatives nor those with the same name have claim to share it with him, for when one *assumes a coat of arms, one claims lineal descent from the person who first used it.*

Arms are heritable property, and on the original owner's death they descend to his eldest son, and in turn to his eldest son, and so on forever without need for further registration. A younger brother may inherit his father's Arms if the elder brother dies first and leaves no heirs of his own. Otherwise younger sons and their descendants inherit only the right to apply for a "matriculation." (Information Leaflet No. 4, Court of the Lord Lyon).

There is but one coat of arms recorded for Mosman in the Lyon Office in Edinburgh. That coat of arms belonged to Hugh Mosman, late of Auchtyfardle. The coat of arms on the John Knox House in Edinburgh is not recorded in the Lyon Office contrary to the literature of the John Knox Museum. It would be inappropriate for descendants of James[1] to assume the Auchtyfardle coat of arms for there is *no such thing as a coat of arms belonging to those with a particular surname* (William H. Whittemore, *The Elements of Heraldry* [Rutland, VT]).

The characteristics of the matriculated coat of arms for Hugh Mosman have been illustrated in several heraldic publications. The elements include an azure chevron between three oak trees and the crest a hand erect holding a closed book. The motto is: *Me Meliora manent.* It should be made clear that these heraldic elements are associated with the Auchtyfardle coat of arms and that no connection has been established between that family of Mosman and the James Mosman our forebearer. It is reasonable to assume that there might be similarities between the Auchtyfardtle arms and one for James[1] should one ever be matriculated for him (James Fairburn, *Fairburn Crests* [New York, 1911], 342; James Balfour Paul, *An Ordinary of Arms Contained In The Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland* [Edinburgh, 1893], 33; Sir Bernard Burke, *The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales* [London, 1884], 711).

In view of the lack of a coat of arms for James Mosman, this compiler petitioned the Lyon Office to matriculate a coat of arms for him. The result of that petition has not been received in time for inclusion in this the first volume. The reader is referred to volume 2 which may be obtained when finished from the compiler. [See ordering details in the PREFACE section of this volume].

V

The First Two Generations In New England

Chapter 1

James Mosman

Blacksmith, Tithingman, Nonagenarian

1. James[1] Mosman was born on 9 July 1626 at Edinburgh Scotland, the son of John and Isobell (Gardner) Mosman (Original Register of the Edinburgh Parish Church, 685/1, V. 3:77). [See Appendix 1].

It is assumed by this compiler that James spent his youth in Scotland. Sometime between 1647, when he was twenty-one, and 1675, when evidence places him in Wrentham, Massachusetts, he traveled by ship to the Colonies. That travel was undertaken either voluntarily or involuntarily.

The "involuntary" hypothesis has been espoused by Cutter and some family historians. The evidence is indirect. By 1647, Scotland was in a period of considerable turbulence. Scottish armies were decisively defeated over the next few years by the forces of Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England. An invading Scottish army was defeated by Cromwell in the summer of 1648. Cromwell invaded Scotland and defeated a Scottish army at Dunbar. He followed a Scottish army into England and, at Worcester on 3 September 1651, the Scots were heavily defeated. In this latter battle alone, ten thousand Scots were taken prisoner. Many of these prisoners were deported to the American Colonies including, according to Cutter, James[1] Mosman and his brothers, George[1] and John[1]. This is the "involuntary" hypothesis. Its credibility rests solely on James' age of majority occurring at the time that such captures and deportations were known to have been taking place (William Richard Cutter, ed., *Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Middlesex County, Massachusetts* [New York, 1908], 627, hereafter cited as Cutter, *Historic Homes*; F. MacLean, *A Concise History of Scotland* [New York, 1908], 128; Roger Howell, *Cromwell* [Boston], 152).

There are contraindications to the "involuntary" or "deportation" hypothesis, viz., no record of a ship that carried James to the Massachusetts Bay Colony has been found. This absence of

record argues against the "deportation" hypothesis for enforced departures usually were recorded in contrast to voluntary travel to the Colonies. Also no evidence has been found to indicate that his two brothers George and John came to the Colonies. If they lived in the Colonies, and then returned to Scotland, such travel would likely have been voluntarily undertaken and therefore negative evidence for the "deportation" hypothesis. Conversely, the "voluntary" hypothesis regarding James' travel to the Colonies gets support from the absence of a travel record and the lack of evidence placing the brothers in the Colonies.

The twenty-eight year period from 1647 to 1675 suggests that James could have married and raised a family somewhere either in Europe, perhaps Ireland, the Colonies, Canada or possibly the Caribbean. This period of James' life is unknown and receives no clarification from this study.

Cutter has suggested that James first arrived in the Colonies in 1667, although no documentation is given and none has been found by this compiler (Cutter, *Historic Homes*, 627).

James[1] married (1) Anna _____, probably between 1673 and August 1674 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Their marriage is confirmed only by the births of their children. The twenty-one year period, 1675-1696, between the births of her first and last child suggests that Anna was born ca. 1652, a date resulting from an assumption of a minimum age of twenty-one when she married and a maximum age of forty-four in 1696. She was, therefore, about twenty-six years younger than her husband. The August 1674 date is nine months prior to the birth of their first child.

The first evidence uncovered of James and Anna places them in Wrentham, Massachusetts in early 1675 where their daughter was born in May of that year. Also that year, he was awarded two acres of meadow lying below "slate rock". This award of land was the result of a three-year search for a town blacksmith by the proprietors of Wolomonopoag (Wrentham by 1673). The proprietors had voted in 1672 to give ten acres of upland for the encouragement of ". . . such a man as may be approved of the calling of a blacksmyth." In 1674 they voted ". . . for further incoragement of a blacksmith if there appere a man that is suffichant workeman and other wayse Incorageabell and do supp-

ly the towne with Good and suffichant ware . . ." Thus it seems likely that James and Anna arrived in Wrentham in early 1675 in view of the town's prior unsuccessful search for a blacksmith (D.H. Hurd, *History of Norfolk County Massachusetts* [Phila., 1884], 629).

At the time of their first daughter's birth, there had been considerable anxiety in many frontier communities for over a year because of the hostilities by Indians during King Philips War. Communities that came under attack included Northfield, Deerfield, Brookfield, Quinsigamond (Worcester), Lancaster, Groton, Mendon, and others, including Wrentham. The government in Boston urged the people in these frontier settlements to retreat to stronger communities closer to Boston.

On 6 March 1676, their daughter Elizabeth died, probably due to diseases that were epidemic at that time. "The Inhabitants of Wrentham, abandoned the Place on the 30th of March, 1676. No Lives were lost. The Enemy came upon the Town after they were gone, and burnt all the Dwellings except two. What saved these from the Fire was their being infected with the Small Pox, of which the Indians by some Means or other had gotten Information." (Rev. William Hubbard, *The History of the Indian Wars in New England*, f.n. 327 by Samuel Gardner Drake, 1 [Roxbury, MA, 1865], 209); NEHGS *Register*, 3 (1849):31; D.E. Leach, *Flintlock and Tomahawk, New England in King Philip's War* [New York, 1966]).

James and Anna were among those who left Wrentham for the safety of the settlement at Dedham, probably late in March 1676. By 12 August 1676, King Philip (Chief Metacomet), who led the uprising of the Wampanoags, Nipmucks, and Narragansetts, was trapped and killed at Mount Hope peninsular on Narragansett Bay and the danger of Indian attack appeared to be over (H.H. Peckam, *The Colonial Wars 1689-1762* [Chicago, 1965]).

Towards the end of 1677, James decided to have his own blacksmith shop. On 10 December 1677, he made a motion at the Dedham town council ". . . to set up a shoope; to worke in the Highway: neer John Fairbank Senor House whic is grated and Decon John Aldus is desired to Apoint: him to the place And Timber is granted to him to build it with . . ." (Don Gleason Hill,

ed., *The Early Records of the Town of Dedham, Mass. 1672-1706* 5 [Dedham, MA, 1899], 60).

James and his family moved to Roxbury sometime before the birth of their son Timothy on 17 November 1679. James apparently remained in Roxbury during the next several years, for he was located there on 25 February 1693, when he purchased about eight acres along the Country Road between Dedham and Roxbury. The way to Cambridge Village (now Newton) also crossed this land. His property consisted of a ". . . House Messuage and Tenement . . . lying in Roxbury . . . being part pasture, part mowing and part orchard containing . . . sixteen acres . . ." He bought a wood land lot adjoining his property on 20 February 1697 (Suffolk Co. Deeds 58:93; 34:238 and 35:8 as recorded 1720).

The purchase of his Roxbury property was no mean achievement, and was likely made possible from the profits of his blacksmith business. The Colonies were growing rapidly and there was an accentution of class differences as a result. A study of the Boston tax lists in 1687 showed that out of a population of six thousand there were one thousand property owners. The top five percent, or one percent of the population, consisted of fifty individuals who owned twenty-five percent of the wealth (Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States* [New York, 1980], 49), hereafter cited as Zinn, *People's History*.

Anna died perhaps during the birth of Elizabeth, or later, but before 27 July 1703 when James married (2) the widow Elizabeth (Franklin) Glover Cleverly. Elizabeth was born on 3 October 1638, the daughter of William and Allice Franklin, and she died on 21 June 1705 (*A Report of the Record Commissioners of Boston* 28 [Boston, 1898], 12, hereafter cited as BRCR; John Langdon Sibley, *Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard University 1642-1658* 1 [Cambridge, 1873], 297).

James probably lived in Elizabeth's (the Glover) house, which fronted on Summer Street in Boston, from the time of his marriage to her until his death, for when John Glover's estate was reopened on 7 January 1722/3 the house was ". . . lately in the Possession of James Mosman Deceasd." (Suffolk Co. Probate 4516, recorded in New Series 10:213).

James quickly married (3) the widow Margaret (_____) Grant at Boston on 10 October 1705. Margaret's husband James Grant died ca. 1698 (BRCR, 28:13; *Boston Evening Transcript*, 2 May 1717, 1806).

James was a man of considerable vitality and good health, for at a Boston town meeting on 21 January 1706/7, at age eighty, he was selected to be a "watchman" in the community. James Clements, chosen on 4 November 1709, was "appointed . . . at the South" in Mosman's place. James[1] served in similar capacities likely for a period of four years or more. His last appointment, as overseer of the Watch, was made by the selectmen on 23 October 1710. That year he also served as a "tithingman." The process of tithing or night watch was a colonial predecessor of constables and sheriffs used to maintain order (Robert Francis Seybolt, *The Town Officials of Colonial Boston 1634-1775* [Cambridge, MA, 1939], 115, 122, 124, and 125; *Dictionary of American History* 5 [New York], 338, hereafter cited as *Dictionary*).

As an owner of Roxbury land, James was apportioned land in Woodstock, Connecticut. The first was lot 78 consisting of seventeen and one-half acres and the second was lot 16 consisting of twenty-two and one-half acres. The latter lot was apportioned to him on 19 July 1713. He probably never availed himself of these lands because of his advanced age (*A Report of the Commissioners, Containing the Roxbury Land and Church News*. 2nd Ed, [Boston, 1884], 51, 54 and 57).

It is not clear if James was actively a blacksmith while serving as a watchman, although at the age of eighty-eight he was referred to as a blacksmith, of Boston, in a deed dated 21 August 1714. Margaret signed this deed and her death occurred, therefore, sometime after this date (Suffolk Co. Deeds 30:96).

James married (4) Sarah Lyon of Roxbury on 4 August 1720. Rev. Thomas Foxcroft, Pastor of the First Church of Boston, performed the ceremony. Sarah probably died within the next eighteen months, for on 11 May 1722, at the age of ninety-six, James married (5) Mary Havet or Haslett. On 20 July, he wrote his will and three months later ". . . old Mosman dyed." His will was proved on 5 November 1722 (NEHGS *Register* 42 (1888):153 and 15 (1861):196; Suffolk Co. Probate 4660 recorded 22:374).

His will contained Christian passages common to the wills of that day. By his will, James left to his loving wife Mary Mosman ". . . all my money and moveables . . ." and ". . . all the Incomes of my house and Land in Roxbury During her Natural Life for her comfortable subsistence." He appointed Mary to be the Executor of his will, and after her death, his house and lands were to go equally to his grandchildren, the children of Timothy[2]. Upon the receipt of the property, they were to give the sum of five shillings each to George[2] and Elizabeth[2] ". . . which is all I give to my said Son and Daughter." [James's will is given in Appendix 2].

Mary died before 3 April 1724. Later, on 24 May 1739, James' grandchildren, the children of Timothy[2], Hannah, Sarah Maynard, Timothy, Jr., James, George, Ebenezer and John, sold the Roxbury property they inherited from him. It is possible that Elizabeth[2] lived in the Roxbury messuage until 1739 with the ultimate heirs enjoying the rental income (Suffolk Co. Deeds 37:205 and 58:93, recorded at Sudbury 31 May 1739).

This account of the life of James leaves many questions unanswered. His life from the time of birth to 1675 is unknown, including whether his travel to the Colonies was voluntary or not. What little evidence there is seems to favor voluntary travel. The unknown period to 1675 suggests that he may have had a family elsewhere or that there may have been an intervening generation. His reference, however, in his will to his ". . . great age . . ," the substantial longevity of his only son Timothy[2] (age ninety-three) and of his grandsons Timothy[3], James[3] and George[3] (average age ninety) support the conclusion that James[1] was a nonagenarian, born 9 July 1626.

CHILDREN:

i. **ELIZABETH[2]**, b. 24 May 1675 at Wrentham and d. 6 March 1675/6 at Wrentham (NEHGS *Register*, 4 (1850):83 and 3 (1849):31).

ii. **GEORGE**, b. 21 June 1677 at Dedham. According to one fam. historian, prob. Chase, he went to Scotland, became a Sea Captain and died a bachelor. In any event, he may have d. or left the country about 1757 when his nephew George[3]

seems to have stopped using "Jr.". Cutter incorrectly referred to them as f. and s. (Dedham V.R.; Sudbury V.R., 98-99; Cutter, *Historic Homes*, 2:628).

2. **iii.** **TIMOTHY**, b. 17 November 1679 at Roxbury (Boston V.R., 1:22).

iv. **JAMES**, (conjectural) b. ca. 1682. He prob. d. 11 November 1710 at Port Royal, Nova Scotia, a drummer, on a joint British-Colonialist expedition (Isaac W. Hammond, *Rolls of the Soldiers in the Revolutionary War, 1775, to May 1777*) 1 [Concord, NH, 1885], 4 [drummer]). The expedition to Port Royal, renamed Annapolis in October 1710, was part of Queen Anne's War (1702-1713) between France and England.

v. **ELISABETH**, b. 18 December 1696 at Roxbury; m. Joseph Walcot 14 July 1725 at Roxbury with Mr. Nehemiah Walter presiding. At the time of their marriage Joseph was a resident of Needham and Elizabeth a resident of Roxbury. Ch. (surname **Walcot**): 1. *Benjamin* b. at Roxbury 23 March 1729-30 (Boston V.R., 1:34; Roxbury V.R., 390; BRCR, 28:326).

Chapter 2

Timothy Mosman

Weaver and Yeoman

2. Timothy[2] Mosman (James[1]) was born at Roxbury, Massachusetts on 17 November 1679. He married Sarah Hicks on 20 November 1701 at Boston. Sarah was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts on 19 March 1681, the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Evans) Hicks (BRCR, 28:12; LDS, IGI, MA, N0282, 17931).

After their marriage Timothy and Sarah resided at Roxbury, moving to Dorchester before May 1705 (see b. dau. Anna). They lived in Dorchester about fifteen years, where presumably he learned to be a weaver. The family moved to Sudbury before 1721 (s. John b. there) and was a weaver there. He spent the remainder of his life in Sudbury, suggesting that his occupation as a weaver provided him with adequate income and no reason to aspire to greater wealth by acquiring or moving to new lands in the province. Their grandson, Dr. Moses Mosman, in his will dated 1816, left a loom, possibly his grandfather's, to his daughter Mary (Middlesex Co. Probate 15600). [See Appendix 6].

By early 1725, Timothy's family had grown to eight children, a factor which likely dampened any motivation he might have had to leave Sudbury. The threat of Indian attacks was a matter of continuing concern to residents in the more remote communities, as well as Sudbury, making travel hazardous. The relationship between the settlers and the Indians that year was aggravated by a number of tragic events, including the killing and scalping of Rev. Joseph Willard, a former Sudbury resident, at Rutland. Another took place on 20 February 1725 when a party of whites led by Capt. Lovewell took ten Indian scalps at Wakefield, New Hampshire. A bounty of £100 was paid for them at Boston. It was a matter of duty that prompted Samuel, Timothy and Sarah's oldest son, to join a Ranger unit formed to protect the settlers from Indian aggression. The tragedy of his death affected the family not only from the more immediate grief, but for years to come through the grant of land received due to that death (Jonas

Reed, *The History of Rutland* [Worcester, 1883]; Gorton Carruth, ed., *The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates* [New York, 1972], 50, hereafter cited as Carruth, *American Facts and Dates*).

Timothy's family received a six-mile square tract of land in Rutland, granted by the Province to Samuel's heirs following his death during military service. That property remained in the possession of the entire family until 15 May 1736, when it was quitclaimed to James by Timothy and his other surviving children Anna, Sarah, Timothy, George, Ebenezer and John. Timothy[2] approved of the quitclaim for his sons Ebenezer and John who were minors at the time. A portion of this land passed to Timothy's great grandson Mark who disposed of it about eighty years after Samuel's death (Middlesex Co. Deeds 41:577).

Timothy was given, on 5 July 1736, a grant in the township of Dorchester-Canada (Ashburnham by 1765) in ". . . the Right of Samuel Hix, His Wifes Brother . . ." who was in the 1690 expedition to Canada. Timothy was thus one of the original proprietors of the township, probably owning the land that extended on the ". . . west side of Cushing street from Main street to the common." Although it is unlikely that he ever lived there, many of his descendants played a role in the history of Ashburnham (NEHGS *Register*, 16 (1862):149; Ezra S. Stearns, *History of Ashburnham*, 833, hereafter cited as Stearns, *Ashburnham*).

Sarah died at Sudbury, although no documentation has been found. Her death occurred before 19 September 1740 when her surviving children quitclaimed to their brother James, for £18, their rights to her estate land in Scituate, Plymouth County Massachusetts. This land was received from her father, Samuel Hicks, formerly of Dorchester, she being his only heir. Timothy also quitclaimed his rights, and the rights of his minor son John[3], to her estate (Middlesex Co. Deeds 41:579).

Timothy married (2) Alice Woodman at Dorchester on 25 May 1744 at the age of sixty-four. They had a child Isaac (Sudbury V.R., 241; BRCR, 28:12).

On 21 October 1748, Timothy, of Sudbury, sold his "well beloved son" John fifty+ acres in west Sudbury for £200. The land with

buildings bordered his son Timothy, Jr.'s land, and consisted of pasture, orchard and mowing (Middlesex Co. Deeds 81:454, recorded 3 December 1784).

Alice's death has not been found, but she probably died before 1751 at Sudbury. Timothy was there in 1751, and on the sixth of November of that year he married (3) Elizabeth Buttrick (Sudbury V.R., 241).

Elizabeth's death, also not found in the records, can be documented only by Timothy's next marriage which took place on 27 November 1767, ten days after his eighty-eighth birthday. This fourth wife was Tabitha (Newton) Balcom. Tabitha, born on 18 October 1661, was the widowed mother of his daughter-in-law Eizabeth, wife of his son James. Tabitha was the widow of Joseph Balcom who died on 17 September 1745. Tabitha died on 27 February 1773 (H. Galpin, *Annals of Oxford N.Y.* [Oxford, 1906], 24; Charles Norman Chase, Genealogy of the Mosman Family, Our Branch, hereafter cited as Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

Timothy owned no land or farm animals in 1771, and probably lived with his son John at Sudbury. Timothy died there on 27 February 1773 (B.H. Pruitt, *The Massachusetts Tax Evaluation of 1771* [Boston, 1978], hereafter cited as 1771 MassTax; Heywood, *Westminster*, 799).

CHILDREN:

i. **SAMUEL**[3], b. at Roxbury on 26 February 1702/3; he d. unm. accidentally while on Ranger duty with a party scouting for Indians headed by Capt. John White. The party traveled northward on 5 April 1725 from Lancaster, MA toward Newfound Lake, NH. The accident took place on 24 April 1725: "24 day we traveled 10 milds westward and that day we found old signs of Indens where they had been this Spring and in the Winter and sent out skouts but could find no Indens. This day Sam'l moosman actidently kild himself with his own gun" when he ". . . took hold of his gun that stood among some bushes, drew it towards him with the muzzle toward him, some twigg caught

hold of the Cock, the gun went off and shot him through, he died immediately." The accident prob. occurred in Warren, Grafton County NH (BRCR, 36:46; MaSA 38A:98, 24 April 1725; Alfred Soreno Hudson, *History of Sudbury* 1638-1889 [1891], 297, hereafter cited as Hudson, *Sudbury*; R. W. Musgrove, *History of Bristol, Grafton County, New Hampshire*, 1 [Bristol, 1904], 23, hereafter cited as Musgrove, *Bristol, NH*).

ii. **ANNA**, (Hannah in Suffolk Co. Deeds) b. at Dorchester 8 May 1705; m. Richard Bayley of Stoughton, MA 9 October 1746 at Sudbury. Ch. (surname **Bayley**): 1. *Jonathan* b. 1 August 1766 at Winchendon, MA. 2. *Isabel* b. 18 November 1767 at Stoughton, Norfolk Co. MA (Dorchester V.R., 50; Sudbury V.R., 240; LDS, IGI, MA, N0236, 1626; Canton V.R., 58:269; F. W. Bailey, *Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800* [Baltimore, 1978]).

iii. **SARAH**, b. 8 September 1707 at Dorchester; m. Zebadiah Maynard 21 October 1734. Ch. (surname **Maynard**): 1. *Sarah* b. Sudbury 15 June 1735. 2. *Luce* b. Sudbury 15 April 1737. 3. *Jacob* (twin) b. Sudbury 17 February 1740/1. 4. *Israil* (twin) b. Sudbury 17 February 1740/1. 5. *Eunice* b. Sudbury 21 August 1744. 6. *Isaac* b. Sudbury 27 October 1747 (Dorchester V.R., 52; Sudbury V.R., 88, 90 and 240).

3. iv. **TIMOTHY**, b. Dorchester 5 March 1709/10 (City of Boston Certificate, Bk. 1684).

4. v. **JAMES**, b. Dorchester 18 June 1712 (*ibid.*).

5. vi. **GEORGE, JR.**, b. Cambridge 14 August 1714 (Cambridge V.R.).

vii. **EBENEZER**, b. ca. 1716-19, a date consistent with the order of his listing with his siblings in deeds and with his still being a minor on 15 May 1736. Three deeds locate him in Sudbury during

the period 1736-1740: sale of Rutland land to his bro. James, sale of Roxbury land inherited from his paternal grndf. and a quitclaim of Scituate land. Ebenezer was one of the Sudbury men who lay seige to the French stronghold of Louisburg at Cape Breton on 30 April 1745. After forty-nine days it fell to the British. This was the principal event of the "Third French War" which was concluded with the peace of Aix-la-Chappelle 10 October 1748. The treaty, which ended the War of Austrian succession, restored Louisbourg to the French and irritated many New Englanders who had been active in its capture. In America this war was known as King George's War. No further record found regarding Ebenezer, suggesting that he was a casualty at Louisbourg in 1745 (Suffolk Co. Deeds 58:93; Middlesex Co. Deeds 41:577, 41:579; Hudson, *Sudbury*, 314; Carruth, *American Facts and Dates*, 60).

viii. JOHN, b. Sudbury 17 May 1721. John was involved in the three deeds referenced under Ebenezer. He also purchased fifty or sixty acres from his f. on 21 October 1748 for £200. The land bordered that of his bro. Timothy and consisted of swamp, plow land, pasturing, orchards and bldgs. on the westerly side of the Sudbury River. He was treated by his nephew Dr. Moses Mosman in 1767 for an undetermined illness. His possessions in 1771 suggest that he was a yeoman with a large farm. John was a member of the 2nd Foot Co. in Sudbury under the Command of Capt. Josiah Richardson 25 April 1757. On 23 March 1779, John, of Sudbury, sold sixty acres and buildings in northwest Sudbury for £1,200. This land abutted his bro. James' land. Matthias[4] and Beulah Heminway were witnesses. John prob. d. after 23 March 1779 and before 1784. The sale of his farm suggests he was ill or made a major move to another location which, if true, has not

been found (Sudbury V.R., 99; Suffolk Co. Deeds 58:93; Middlesex Co. Deeds 41:577, 41:579, 81:454, recorded 3 December 1784; 1771 Mass-Tax; Hudson, *Sudbury*, 342; Dr. Moses Mosman, *Physician Ledgers*, [Rutland, VT], hereafter cited as *Ledgers*).

ix. ISAAC, b. Sudbury 27 May 1745 (Sudbury V.R., 98); prob. d.y. for no further record has been found.

VI

Third Generation Males

Chapter 3

Timothy Mosman, Jr.

Yeoman and Potash Farmer

3. Timothy[3] Mosman, Jr. (Timothy[2], James[1]) born at Dorchester, Suffolk County Massachusetts on 5 March 1710. He married Martha Ann Whitney of Weston on 26 February 1734/5. Martha Ann, referred to as Marcy in the V.R., was born at Weston on 4 April 1716, the daughter of William and Martha (Pierce) Whitney of Weston (City of Boston Certificate, Bk. 1684; Sudbury V.R., 240; NEHGS *Register* 11 (1857):226-227).

Timothy was an energetic, aggressive, enterprising individual who availed himself of opportunity and developed business projects. He and Martha lived at Sudbury and after his father obtained the right to land in the township of Dorchester-Canada (Ashburnham) on 15 May 1736, he and his family may have moved there after 1740, probably on the land extending ". . . on the west side of Cushing street from Main street to the common." (MaSA 114:193, 12 January 1737/8; Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 833).

His first business opportunity involved building an inn in Ashburnham. The proprietors of Dorchester-Canada voted in 1743 to encourage someone to ". . . settle a Family and Keep a public House with Suitable Entertainment." Also voted was "That £100 O.T. (old tenor) be paid to one person that shall build a good and sufficient House with three Rooms on a floor with Chimneys in each Room of it for a House of Entertainment and Barn and provision suitable for to entertain men and Horses." With such an inn, the town could house men sent to provide protection from Indians. Timothy built an inn in 1743, probably on the land owned by his father. Stearns claims a distinct tradition that this ancient inn "was fortified and stood near the site of the Powder House." Timothy received eighty of the £100 voted for the purpose, and he was to have received an additional £40 ". . . if there should be peace with France within twelve months . . ." In June 1744, Timothy was chosen to "take care of the meeting house by nailing boards against the windows and doors," a precaution

prompted by the threat of Indian attack. Most of the families had been removed to places of greater security (Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 285).

On 4 June 1744, Timothy, husbandman of Sudbury, mortgaged to his brother-in-law Zebediah Maynard for £25 the ". . . after Draughts Rights & Divisions of Land, Swamp and meadow that . . . belong . . . to . . . house Lott No. 14 & 15 . . . in . . . Dorchester Canaday." Since he sold these two lots and his house to Asher Cutler for £65 on 9 July 1744, it appears that the two lots, containing one hundred and thirty acres, were used as collateral for the £25 received previously from Zebediah Maynard who winessed the final sale. Timothy also sold, on 11 August 1745, one hundred and twenty-three acres ". . . of Wild Land Lying in . . . Dorchester Canaday . . ." for £100 O.T. This was lot 56 in the Second Division of the lands of the new Township of Dorchester. He sold lot 42, also in the Second Division of land in Dorchester, for £250 on 13 February 1746 (Worcester Co. Deeds 19:56-57, 23:228-29, 30:65 and 33:309).

After the disposal of his Ashburnham properties, and his return to Sudbury, he located southwest of the Sudbury River where he purchased three properties between April and October of 1745. On 23 March 1748, he sold a messuage and thirty acres of that land for £500 (Middlesex Co. Deeds 52:129, 49:99, 52:130, 56:405 and 59:186).

For his efforts in Ashburnham, Timothy had a house lot at Dorchester-Canada (Ashburnham) awarded him "on his own rights", i.e., probably for his efforts in the construction and maintenance of an inn there. The settlement was reviewed on February 1750, and there is reference in this review to "A very Commodious Meeting House built near the Middle of said Township" (MaSA 116:7, 31 March 1751).

By April of 1750, a committee reviewed the settlement at Narragansett No. 2 (Westminster) and reported that Timothy, among others, had fulfilled the conditions of a grant there. His two lots, 16 and 55, belonged to Joseph Bowman, the original proprietor. On 23 February 1751, Timothy, Jr., of Sudbury, purchased these two lots from Bowman for £220. The mortgage was discharged

on 24 June 1756 (Worcester Co. Deeds 38:66 and 29:275; MaSA 116:113, 31 March 1751).

As a descendant of one of the military personnel under Captain Gardner in the 1690 expedition to Canada, in this case his father's brother-in-law Samuel Hicks, Timothy was granted a portion of a six-mile square tract of land adjoining Northfield in Hampshire County (now Warwick). The soldiers in the 1690 expedition were men principally from Roxbury and Brookline, and all were lost but one. Their descendants, however, felt that the land granted to them was unsuitable for settlement, and on 31 March 1751 Timothy joined the others in a petition to the Court to allow them to sell (MaSA 116:8).

As yeoman of Sudbury, Timothy sold sixteen acres of his property southwest of the Sudbury River and fifty acres north of the Lancaster Road for £160. The grantee was his brother-in-law Zebediah Maynard and the date was 19 February 1753 (Middlesex Co. Deeds 51: 147).

By 1755, the area around Lake Champlain saw military action between the English Colonies and New France. At the age of forty-five, Timothy served as a Private, from 26 June 1755 to 12 November 1755, in Eleazer Lawrence's company in the Crown Point campaign. Crown Point was a promontory on the west shore of the lake in northern New York. The expedition was commanded by William Johnson (K. David Goss and David Zarowin, *Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the French and Indian Wars.* 1755-1756. New England Historic Genealogical Society, [1985]; *Dictionary* 2: 266).

After his military service, Timothy and his family moved to Pottash (sic), a place east of Mt. Wachusett in Princeton. He was a resident there on 16 June 1756 when he sold several lots in Westminster. These were the lots purchased five years before from William Bowman (Worcester Co. Deeds 37:337).

Timothy leased a 1,500 acre farm in Princeton from Capt. Thomas Plaisted. He produced potash and in his own words ". . . did much labour, in improving and making roads . . ." This commercial venture to produce potash was interrupted in the Spring of 1760 when the Province Agent, Capt. William Richardson, seized the

farm. The grantee, Plaisted, had violated the terms of his grant, probably for leasing his land. The farm was leased back to Timothy by Capt. Richardson, but ultimately it was taken from him again (MaSA 117: 651, 46:452, 46:485-6, 46:441).

On 30 May 1764, Timothy petitioned the Governor of the Massachusetts Bay to forgive a £12 debt he owed the Province and to give him ". . . land betwixt Westminster and Leominster . . ." to compensate him in the amount of £200 for his losses incurred at Ashburnham and in Princeton where he ". . . met with Great sickness in my person & family, and was further reduced by the loss of the possession of the Province Land as it became provitable (sic)." His petition was approved in part by the General Court which ordered on 12 June 1764 that the sum of twelve pounds he owed the Province be remitted to him in full in answer to his petition (MaSA 46:486).

Timothy continued to live in Princeton. By 1771, he probably farmed, for he owned his own house and an adjoining shop. His farm animals included one horse, one cow and one pig. He had three acres of pasture, two acres of tillage yielding twenty bushels of grain per year and four acres of mowing land producing three tons of hay per year (1771 MassTax).

Although Timothy did not serve in the military during the Revolutionary War, his five sons did. The war, which lasted eight and one-half years, was, because of his age and the absence of sons, likely a period of concern and stress for him and Martha. Thus he began in 1776 to dispose of his Princeton property (part of the Mayhew Farm) which abutted the land of his sons Joshua, Timothy and Samuel. The last sale was forty-eight acres in Princeton on 24 February 1779. No record of Timothy exists as a grantee at Princeton in Worcester County deed indexes and it is uncertain from whom he acquired these lands (Worcester Co. Deeds 73:511, 81:452).

At the age of sixty-nine, Timothy purchased, in 1779 and 1780, a substantial amount of land in Ward (Auburn), Massachusetts. His son Timothy, age thirty-five, was a witness to one of the purchases. By the Spring of 1782, Timothy's sons Joshua, Samuel and Abel were located in Westminster, and his sons

Timothy and Oliver were making plans to migrate to Vermont. Also, the war was not yet over, and his son William was a known Loyalist. Amidst these stresses, concerns and uncertainties, and at the age of seventy-two, Timothy sold his Worcester property on 17 May 1782 and moved to Westminster to be near his sons (Worcester Co. Deeds 81:294-96, 83:364, 87:229).

Timothy and Martha were living in Westminster in 1790 as were their sons Abel and Samuel and their families. Martha died at the age of eighty-five in Westminster on 15 April 1801, and Timothy died there on 5 September 1801 at the age of ninety-one (1790 US Census MA; Westminster V.R., 239).

Later generations descending from Timothy's sons Joshua, Timothy, William and Oliver spelled their name Morsman. The name change was made ca. 1783. The war had ended and William had left for Canada. It may be that political and economic events such as post-war taxes and inflation were inducements to the change. There was a desire on the part of most people of that time to improve their lot and a need to break with an unhappy past. The moves and the name change completed the separation for this family. Whatever the real reasons, the name Morsman is unique to these families, for it was not found among the many Colonial or Scottish records examined by this compiler (L. N. Hook, *Family Names* [New York, 1982], 324). [Subsequent research has revealed that some Americans with the name Morsman are not descended from this family. Families from Holland and from Austria have the name Morsman].

CHILDREN:

i. **ANNA**[4], b. Sudbury 8 November 1735; m. at Princeton Peter Goodnow 17 December 1761. Peter was b. at Sudbury 10 February 1709/10, the s. of Joseph and Patience Goodnow (Francis Edward Blake, *History of the Town of Princeton* 2 [Princeton, 1915], 124, hereafter cited as Blake, *Princeton*). Ch. all b. Princeton (surname **Goodnow**): 1. *Lucy* b. 19 December 1762. 2. *Anna* b. 25 September 1764; d. 11 April 1771. 3. *Peter* b. 8 February 1767. 4. *Jotham* b. 27 April 1769 (Sud-

bury V.R., 98; Princeton V.R.; LDS, IGI, MA, N0275, 15318; Blake, *Princeton*, 125).

ii. **JOSHUA**, b. Sudbury 6 January 1737/8 (Sudbury V.R., 99); prob. d.y.

6. iii. **JOSHUA**, b. Sudbury 16 January 1738/9 (*ibid.*).

7. iv. **SAMUEL**, b. Sudbury 27 February 1740 (*ibid.*).

v. **MARTHA**, b. Sudbury 19 May 1742; m. Reuben Parmenter 5 April 1768. Martha d. 25 November 1789 and Reuben d. 30 December 1823. Ch., all b. at Princeton, (surname **Parmenter**): 1. *Reuben* b. 21 March 1769; d. 4 October 1769. 2. *Abel* b. 25 October 1770; d. 19 May 1771. 3. *Mary* (twin) b. 25 July 1772; d. 19 September 1810. 4. *Martha* (twin) b. 25 July 1772. 5. *Olive* b. 21 February 1775; m. Joseph Jacobs 30 December 1805. 6. *Hannah* b. 25 August 1777. 7. *Anna* b. 16 September 1779; m. int. 2 April 1798 to her first cousin John[5] Morsman (Sudbury V.R., 99; Princeton V.R., 121; Blake, *Princeton*, 229 and 230; LDS, IGI, MA, N0309, 27473-74-75-76).

8. vi. **TIMOTHY**, b. Sudbury 26 February 1744/5 (Sudbury V.R., 99).

9. vii. **WILLIAM**, b. Sudbury 20 March 1746/7 (*ibid.*).

viii. **ABEL**, b. Sudbury 15 February 1748/9; m. (1) Abigail How prob. at Princeton 3 November 1774. Abel served in the Revolutionary War. He owned land abutting his brother Joshua's Gardiner Farm in Princeton in 1777. Abel res. at Westminster in 1790 with his w. and one other female. Abigail was b. ca. 1749 and d. at Westminster 15 September 1806. Abel m. (2) the wid. Lydia (Woodbury) Richardson of Gardner 7 April 1818. Lydia was b. Topsfield, the dau. of Benjamin and Jane (Foster) Woodbury and the widow of Deacon Jonas Richardson. They res. at Gardner in 1820. Abel d. after 1820. Lydia d. at

Gardner 19 September 1849 of dysentery (Sudbury V.R., 98; Princeton V.R.; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 11:162, hereafter cited as MSSWR; Worcester Co. Deeds 80:237; 1790 & 1820 US Census MA; Westminster V.R.; Gardner V.R., 94, 126).

ix. **OLIVE**, b. Sudbury 18 January 1751/2; m. Joseph Read, Jr. of Sudbury 22 June 1799 at Charlestown. He was b. at Sudbury 5 October 1773. Ch. (surname **Read**): 1. *Olive* b. ca. 1800 (see date of m. parents). She d. 9 March 1877. Her mother Olive probably d. in 1849, the oldest person in Sudbury at the time of her death. 2. *Sybel* b. ca. 1800; m. John P. Allen 7 November 1824 at Wayland. 3. *Almira* b. _____; m. George Heard _____. 4. *Sarah* b. _____; m. D.L. Willis 4 February 1834 at Sudbury. 5. *Maria* b. Sudbury ca. 1816; m. Martin Newton Hudson 8 January 1837 at Sudbury. Alfred Sereno Hudson, the author of "The History of Sudbury", and the s. of Maria and and Martin, was b. 20 November 1839. Maria d. at Sudbury 17 January 1857 and Martin d. there too 7 October 1861 (Sudbury V.R., 75, 99, 117, 256; Hudson, *Sudbury*, 50; LDS, IGI, MA, N0317, 30299, 30348 and 30351; George H. Greeley, *Genealogy of the Greely-Greeley Family* [Boston, 1905], 572).

10. **x.** **OLIVER**, b. Rutland East Wing, now Princeton, 19 January 1760.

Chapter 4

James Mosman

Yeoman and Respected Citizen Of Sudbury

4. James[3] Mosman (Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 18 June 1712 at Dorchester, Suffolk County Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Balcom on 10 July 1741. Elizabeth was born on 17 May 1717, the daughter of Joseph and Tabitha (Newton) Balcom and granddaughter of Henry Balcom of Charlestown and Elizabeth Haynes of Sudbury (City of Boston Certificate Bk. 1684; Sudbury V.R., 240; Galpin, *Annals of Oxford N.Y.*, 24).

James moved to Sudbury with his parents as a youth before 1721. He was a resident of Sudbury throughout his life, accumulating property in Sudbury and Petersham. His position in the community gained him the reputation of a respected and trusted citizen of Sudbury.

With his brothers and sisters, James received by grant a six-mile square tract of land in a township "lying northwest of Rutland " (later Petersham), ". . . by virtue of . . . being the true Heirs of our Brother Samuel Mosman who died in his Majesty's Service under the Command of Capt. White." They quitclaimed their rights to this land to James on 15 May 1736, and over the ensuing sixty years he sold this property piecemeal. The first sale was a ninety-acre lot (House Lot 69 near Thousand Acre Hill) in Petersham (Nichewoag). It was sold on 26 September 1738 to Amos Davis for £100. The second sale took place on 2 February 1761 when he sold one hundred and ten acres (Suffolk Co. Deeds 41:577-78, recorded 15 September 1741; Worcester Co. Deeds 17:149 and 43:366).

James and his brothers and his sisters inherited property from their grandfather James Mosman and from the estate of their mother Sarah. Both the Roxbury property left to them by James[1] and the Scituate property inherited from their mother's estate (through her father Samuel Hicks, formerly of Dorchester), were conveyed, respectively, to James by quitclaim deeds on 24 May

1739 for £350 and on 5 September 1740 for £4 (Suffolk Co. Deeds 58:93 and Probate 41:579).

Two records of Sudbury land sales by James are recorded. The first was to his brother-in-law Zebediah Maynard on 4 July 1740. The second was seventy acres west of the Sudbury River on 7 August 1752. Elizabeth relinquished her right of dower. Abuttors were Isaac Baldwin, Uriah Wheeler, Samuel Willis, Nathan Loring and Sarah Haynes. Zebadiah Maynard was a witness. The grantors of these properties to James has not been found (Middlesex Co. Deeds 44:360, 78:422-424).

Although he was a yeoman, James was not adverse to investing in commercial ventures. On 25 November 1757, he and others paid Josiah Brown £26 for two acres in Sudbury "to dig mine or ore . . . excepting . . . I do reserve . . . such part of Royal Mine or ore . . . if any may be found . . . in and by the Royal Charter . . ." (Middlesex Co. Deeds, 66:108).

On 9 September 1762, in partnership with John Balcom, Matthias Rice, William Rice, all of Sudbury, David Baldwin, housewright of Spencer and Richard Bailey of Falltown, New Hampshire, James agreed to purchase a tract of land in Sudbury called the "mine hole" in order to "know and discover the value thereof." They agreed to contribute, in total, £40 and equal labor ". . . for the diging (sic) and blowing." John[3] Mosman and James[3]'s wife Elizabeth were among the witnesses to the agreement. Moses[4] apparently inherited a one-half share of this mine and left it to his son James[5] fifty-five years later (Middlesex Co. Deeds 186:333; Middlesex Co. Probate 15,599).

James owned seven acres of pasture in Sudbury in 1771. In addition, he had two+ acres which were tilled and yielded thirty bushels of grain per year, six acres yielding two tons of hay and one acre yielding one-half ton of hay. His farm animals included one horse, one pig, two oxen, two cows and eight sheep (1771 MassTax).

On 14 November 1774, the town voted "their approbation of the several measures of the Provincial Congress so far as has been communicated to them." It also voted at the same meeting "to choose a Committee to observe the conduct of all persons touch-

ing the association agreement entered into by the Continental Congress, whose business it shall be to see the articles contained therein are strictly adhered to by the inhabitants of this town." In that year the town chose for that committee Thomas Plympton, Richard Heard and James Mossman to represent it at the proposed Provincial Congress. The first Provincial Congress of Massachusetts met in October 1774 with approximately two hundred and ninety delegates attending the convention (Hudson, *Sudbury*, 362; William Lincoln, ed., *The Journals of Each Provincial Congress of Massachusetts* [Boston, 1839], 7-15).

Elizabeth died on 13 June 1775 at Sudbury. James, a widower, was living alone in Sudbury in 1790 at age seventy-eight (Chase, *Mosman Gen.*; 1790 US Census MA).

On the 18th of April 1785, James of Sudbury, sold ". . . that part of my farm that lies in the northwesterly part of . . . Sudbury," containing about fifty acres, to his son Dr. Moses Mosman. The price was £180. James' nephew Silas[4] and his wife Beulah were present when this deed was signed. This farm, located east of Willis' Pond, subsequently passed to Moses' daughter Sarah[5], and then to her nephew Moses[6]. In the mid-1860s, it was sold to others after being in the Mosman family over one hundred years. In later years it was called the Moses Mosman place (Middlesex Co. Deeds 153:150; Hudson, *Sudbury*, 179).

James sold one hundred and four acres in Petersham for £120 on 27 June 1786 to Jonathon, Mark and John Moore. This acreage ". . . lyeth in the Westwardly part of Petersham. Silas[4] and Micah[4], his nephew and his grandson, were witnesses. Apparently the last of his property in Petersham was sold to his grandson Mark[5], of Ashburnham, who bought fifty-seven acres (4th Division lot #57) on 5 September 1796. Elizabeth Mosman and John Haynes were witnesses. James died 4 November 1801 at Sudbury at the age of eighty-nine (Worcester Co. Deeds 104:424 and 157:544; Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

CHILDREN:

11. **i. MOSES**[4], b. 22 February 1742 (Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

ii. **MICAH**, b. 2 January 1743/4. Micah's life and d. are uncertain. A Micah witnessed a land sale 27 June 1786 by James[3], but the witness may have been Micah[5], s. of Matthias, who d. after 1805. According to fam. historian Chase, Micah[4] d. 6 November 1758. The lack of any further records suggests that Chase was correct (Sudbury V.R., 99; Worcester Co. Deeds 104:424; Heywood, *Westminster*).

iii. **ELIZABETH**, b. 13 July 1746. She was treated by her bro. Moses on 23 March 1772. Elizabeth's death is given as 28 September 1775 by Chase, but she apparently died after the Petersham land sale she witnessed on 5 September 1796 (Sudbury V.R., 98; *Ledgers*; Chase, *Mosman Gen.*; Worcester Co. Deeds 157:544).

12. iv. **MATTHIAS**, b. 17 March 1748/9 (Sudbury V.R., 99).

Chapter 5

George Mosman, Jr.

Husbandman

5. George[3] Mosman, Jr. (Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Cambridge on 14 August 1714. He married Sybel/Sebelah Walker on 19 January 1748/9. Sybel was born in Sudbury on 14 March 1723/4, the daughter of John and Jemima (Stanhope) Walker (Cambridge V.R., 502; Sudbury V.R., 240; Mrs. Seth A. Lewis, Mosman-Family History, hereafter cited as Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

The use of "Junior" by this George was probably to distinguish him from his Uncle George[2]. It is clear that he did not use "Jr." all his life for his name appears without it in several early records, e.g., in 1736 and a petition in 1753. Perhaps he discontinued the practice upon the departure or the death of his uncle. It was not until the early nineteenth century that middle names became popular to distinguish family members with the same given name. Cutter incorrectly identifies them as father and son (Middlesex Co. Deeds 41:577; MaSA, 116:374; M. Rubincam, *Genealogical Research Methods and Sources*. [Washington, 1960]; Cutter, *Historic Homes*, 627.

George appears to have spent his entire life in Sudbury and supported his family as a husbandman. He quitclaimed his rights to the Rutland land grant in 1736 and to his late mother's Scituate property in 1739 (Middlesex Co. Deeds 41:577-79; Suffolk Co. Deeds 58:93). He purchased six acres on 23 April 1761 and a small parcel of land on 14 March 1766, both in Sudbury. By 1771 he owned five acres of taxable land, three acres of tillage and two acres of meadow. In addition, he owned a house and an adjoining shop, three cattle, seven sheep and two pigs (Middlesex Co. Deeds 163:324; 1771 MassTax).

George and his brother John were members of the 2nd Foot Company of the active militia force of Sudbury in April 1757. It is possible that they participated in the aborted two-week journey toward Fort William Henry which had been captured by General Montcalm on 3 August 1757 following a seige. George was forty-

three and had four children at the time (Hudson, *Sudbury*, 341-43).

Four of George's sons fought in the Revolutionary War. All were teenagers except Jesse. Although middle-class society was relatively happy and properous, class distinctions were being exaggerated. The rich became richer and there was a growing number of poor people. Many of the latter did the actual fighting during the War (Zinn, *People's History*).

Sybel died on 9 October 1803, and George died without a will on 18 January 1804. Jesse was the administrator of his parents' estates, and the heirs sold the family homestead on 2 December 1805 to Micah who lived in Weston (1790 US Census MA; DAR 3569; Middlesex Co. Probate 15596; Middlesex Co. Deeds 163:326).

CHILDREN:

i. **SYBLE**[4], b. Sudbury 8 December 1740; (N.B. the Sudbury record is prob. a ten-year recording error given the date of marriage of George and Sybel). Sybel, spinster of Sudbury, bought five acres of woodland in the northerly part of Sudbury bordering her f.'s land (Willis Hill) from Hopestil Willis 6 December 1784. She d. intestate before 11 June 1800. Her estate amounted to $67.52 including the five acres in Sudbury (Sudbury V.R., 99; Middlesex Co. Deeds 136:323 and Probate 15601).

ii. **DANIEL**, b. Sudbury 26 December 1751; d. Sudbury 17 November 1757 (Sudbury V.R., 98 and 317).

13. iii. **JESSE**, b. Sudbury 8 September 1754 (*ibid.*, 99).

14. iv. **SILAS**, b. Sudbury 27 May 1757 (*ibid.*).

15. v. **AARON**, b. Sudbury 22 October 1759 (*ibid.*, 98).

vi. **EZRA**, b. Sudbury 27 November 1763; m. Molly Walcott 24 May 1786 at Stow. Molly was b. ca.

1765, the dau. of Frederick and Mary (Taylor) Walcott. Ezra fought in the Revolutionary War. Land transactions indicate that he res. in Gardner and Stow where he was a yeoman. Molly d. at Stow 4 July 1844. Ezra was located at Stow in 1790 until his death 4 September 1848. Ch. 1. *Abigail* (Nabby) bp. 22 April 1792; m. Henry Brown, int. 25 April 1805. 2. *Lucy* bp. 11 May 1794. 3. *Ira* bp. 17 April 1796. 4. *Sarah* bp. 7 July 1799; m. John Miles 9 January 1820 (Sudbury V.R., 98; Stow V.R., 177, 252 and 278; *The Walcott Book*, 60; MSSWR, 11:163; Middlesex Co. Deeds 137:322, 163:325-26, 322:382 and 514:213; MaSA 9:53; 1790 US Census MA; Gardner V.R., 45; Worcester Co. Deeds 145:545 and 137:323). [The accuracy of the record re John Miles is uncertain. A John Miles also m. Mary Mosman, dau. of Samuel[4] (Gardner V.R.). Another possibility is that Ezra's dau. Sarah m. John Jennison, int. 1 June 1817. That Sarah d. 17 May 1842 (Newton V.R.).]

16. **vii. MICAH**, b. Sudbury 25 July 1769 (Weston V.R.).

VII

The Fourth Through The Sixth Generation

Chapter 6

Joshua Mo(r)sman

Husbandman

6. Joshua[4] Mosman (Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 16 January 1738/9 (Sudbury V.R., 99).

Joshua moved to Princeton in Worcester County with his parents ca. 1760. He and Ann Joyner declared their intentions to marry on 19 February 1767, although no evidence has been found to indicate the marriage ever took place (Lancaster V.R., 40).

On 10 April 1770, Joshua married the widow Sarah (Stratton) Barnard in Westminster. Sarah was born in Lexington, 1 June 1737, the daughter of Jabez and Margaret Stratton, and married George Barnard of Cambridge, 31 March 1762. Barnard died in Princeton on 26 November 1767, leaving Sarah and two small children (Cambridge V.R., 2:378; Lexington V.R., 80; Princeton V.R., 11, 150; Westminster V.R., 171; 1800 US Census VT).

Over the sixteen year period from 1769 to the Revolutionary War, Joshua bought a considerable amount of land in Princeton. The first tract was seventy acres, part of Gardner's Farm, which he obtained from Abel Ray on 5 June 1769. The next purchase took place on 28 June 1771, when he bought two lots of the Gardner's Farm from Paul Walker. The land was between Princeton and Westminster and consisted of sixty-six and twenty-six acres. His acreage included one tilled acre which yielded eleven bushels of grain, and six acres of mowing producing six tons of hay (Worcester Co. Deeds 63:489, 100:352; 1771 MassTax).

Joshua was a resident of Princeton when he became a soldier in the Revolutionary War: "Private, Capt. Joseph Sargent's co. of militia, Col. Sparhawk's regt., which marched April 20, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775; returned May 1, 1775; service, 12 days; *also*, Capt. Aaron Guild's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; abstract for advance pay for 1 month, etc., dated Camp at Hull, July 13, 1776; *also*, petition dated Camp at Hull, September 17, 1776, signed by said Mosman and others belonging to battalion stationed at Hull, asking for increase and pay-

ment of wages; *also*, Private, Capt. Aaron Guild's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; enlisted June 25, 1776; service to Nov. 1, 1776, 4 mos. and 6 days; rolls dated Camp at Hull; *also*, same Co. and Regt.; service from Nov. 1, 1776, to time of return home, 1 mo. 4 days; roll dated Hull." Joshua's last enlistment was as a private in Capt. David Nourse's Co. from 12 December 1776 to 26 March 1777. He and his brother Oliver served in the "Jerseys." (MSSWR, 11:163; Henry S. Nourse, *Military Annals of Lancaster, 1740-1865* [Lancaster, 1889], 148, hereafter cited as Nourse, *Lancaster*).

The period following his discharge was difficult for Joshua for it brought him into conflict with the law. The bills of credit issued by the Continental Congress between June 1775 and November 1779 began to deteriorate in value and by January 1781 they essentially lost their value leading to the expression "not worth a Continental." Disallusionment and frustration about the severe loss of purchasing power was widespread (*Dictionary*, 2:274-275).

With a wife and four or more children to support, Joshua probably was having a difficult time financially, and on the 8th of August 1778, he was caught with counterfeit bills in his possession one of which he passed in Worcester. For this he was indicted by the Superior Court in September 1778, a charge to which he pleaded guilty. A month later, he again ran afoul of the law by aiding in the escape from the Worcester goal of Nathan Davis who had also passed unlawful bills. Joshua was sentenced in April 1779 to a fine of £90, to treble damages and to receive ". . .twenty stripes on his naked back at the Public Whipping Posts. . ." for the first offense, and a repeat of the flogging as punishment for the second offense. In addition for the second offense, he was fined £500 and released in reconizance of two sureties of £250s which were furnished by his father Timothy and David Willard of Lancaster. Perhaps to pay his fines as well support his family, he sold ninety-two acres of his farm to David Willard for £1,000 on 24 May 1779. Abuttors were his brothers Abel and Timothy (Worcester Superior Court Cases #152993 and #153033; Worcester Co. Deeds 81:395).

[Flogging was a common form of punishment during the Colonial period. Before the development of prisons during the 1800s, offenders received no additional punishment but later both forms

of punishment were meted out. After the Revolutionary War, flogging was increasingly regarded as inconsistent with scientific peneological principles [*Dictionary*, 3:36)].

Heywood's *History of Westminster* (p. 799), correctly indicates that Joshua was taxed in Westminster in 1780, for his Gardner's Farm was anexed to the town of Westminster before 25 May 1779. The family then moved to Pittsford, Vermont, probably in October 1787, when he purchased a fifty-five acre farm there. Caverly, in the history of the town of Pittsford, questions whether Joshua ever moved to Pittsford, but he was enumerated there in the 1790 federal census. His family at that time consisted of a male child born between 1774 and 1790 (probably Joshua, Jr.) and two females (Worcester Superior Court Case #153033, A.M. Caverly, *History of the Town of Pittsford, Vt. With Biog'l Sketches & Fam. Records* [Rutland, 1872], 290, hereafter cited as Caverly, *Pittsford*; 1790 US Census VT).

Joshua disposed of his acreage in Pittsford in April and March 1797, one lot of which abutted the Wait Farm. The grantees were Joseph Keeler and Joshua's son Timothy Morsman (Rutland Co. Deeds 2:668-669, 3:168-169).

Joshua's adoption of the spelling Morsman seems to have coincided with his move to Vermont. In any case, it was about this time that Joshua and three of his brothers changed their name to Morsman. Thomas Paine stated that by 1783 Americans had become so transformed by the Revolution that their "style and manner of thinking were different." This new attitude may partially explain the brothers' change in name. For Joshua the motivation may have been to leave an unhappy past.

In 1810 the census listed a Joshua Morsman in Leicester, Addison County, Vermont, which could have been Joshua[4] or his son, Joshua. In any case, Joshua died sometime before 23 June 1814, when a deed refers to the "widow Morsman", and possibly before 1800 for Sarah was living with her son Oliver in 1800. She died after 3 March 1824 (1810 US Census VT; Rutland Co. Deeds 10:272-73, 13:108).

CHILDREN:

17. **i.** **TIMOTHY**[5], b. prob. at Princeton in 1771 (see date of m. of his parents).

ii. **MARTHA**, (conjectural) b. prob. at Princeton 30 September 1772; m. Simeon Chaffee prob. at Rutland, VT 20 March 1796. Simeon was b. Rehoboth, Bristol Co. MA 5 February 1772, the s. of Nathaniel and Susannah Chaffee. Ch. (surname **Chaffee**) all b. Chittendon Twp, Rutland Co. VT: 1. *Stephen* b. 27 February 1797. 2. *Joel* b. 4 July 1798. 3. *Jobe* b. 10 November 1799. 4. *Carpenter* b. 14 September 1801. 5. *Amos* b. ca. 1803. 6. *Simeon* b. 9 February 1805. 7. *Saphrona* b. ____. 8. *Saloma* b. ____. 9. *Solana* b. _____ ; m. Samuel Mead, Jr. Martha likely d. before 22 April 1813 when Simeon m. (2) Fanny Parsons (LDS, IGI, MA, N0250, 6751; *ibid.*, VT, N0820, 1214, 1220 and 1217; Joann Nichols made a significant contribution to the accumulation of the data about Martha).

iii. **OLIVER**, b. at Princeton 1773-1774; m. Esther Waite before 1795. Esther was b. ca. 1769, the dau. of Joseph Waite. Several deeds locate Oliver and Esther in Pittsford, i.e., one hundred acres sold 9 September 1795; ten acres sold 6 June 1796; twenty acres sold 30 November 1797; one acre sold 19 January 1798. Oliver res. Pittsford in 1800 with his w., dau. and a female b. before 1755, possibly his m. He d. before 3 March 1824 when land abutting the ". . . widow Morsman . . ." was sold by their dau. Hannah and her husband Timothy[6]. Esther res. in Pittsford in 1830 with one male and one female b. 1800-1810 and two female ch. b. 1825-1830. The identity of these ch. is undetermined. Esther d. Pittsford 23 November 1847. Her land was quitclaimed to others on 17 December 1847 by her grandch., the ch. of her deceased dau. Hannah. Ch 1. *Hannah* b. ca. 1798 (1800 & 1830 US Census VT; Rutland Co. Deeds

2:607-8, 2:44, 2:633, 3:56, 13:108, 18:386; Caverly, *Pittsford*, 290; VT Hist. Society, DAR Collection, from Congregational Church records; VT V.R.).

18. **iv. JOSHUA, JR.**, b. Princeton after 1774 (1790 US Census VT) and before 1780 (deduced from his date of m.).

v. POLLY (conjectural), b. prob. at Princeton ca. 1779; m. Peter Cudman 10 August 1803 at Salisbury, VT. Peter d. before 5 July 1825 (VT V.R.; Salisbury Co. Deeds 5:69).

vi. OLIVE, b. ca. 1780; m. Silas Huntley of Salisbury 8 October 1802 (VT V.R.).

Timothy Morsman

17. Timothy[5] **Morsman** (Joshua[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born in 1771 probably at Princeton. Timothy married Roxana B.____ probably in 1789. According to census records, Roxanna was born between 1755 and 1774 (Rutland Co. Deeds 18:484-85; 1790 & 1800 US Census VT).

Timothy moved with his parents from Princeton to Westminster ca. 1779. He likely moved with his parents to Pittsford, Rutland County, Vermont ca. 1787. Timothy settled on land in Pittsford that was originally purchased by his father from the estate of Noah Waite. He and Roxanna were residents of Pittsford in 1790 with one unidentified female child. The 1790 census refers to him as Jimy, likely a recording error. He sold a small parcel of land in Pittsford on 22 March 1797 and twenty-five acres there next to the Widow Waight's (sic) land on 28 March 1797. Their son Oliver was a witness to the first sale. Part of the original Wait farm was sold to William E. Hall about 1856 (Worcester Co. Deeds 80: 237-38; 1790 US Census VT; Rutland Co. Deeds 10:731-733, 2:678-679; Caverly, *Pittsford*, 291, 455).

Timothy and Roxana sold the seven acres of land in Pittsford she was deeded by the heirs of his sister-in-law Esther Morsman. This land was conveyed on 21 August 1848 for $460 reserving ". . . a pass to the land of Charles and Louisa Morsman for gathering of crops." (Rutland Co. Deeds 18:484-485).

Timothy sold ". . . the dwelling house in which the said Morsmans now live" on 4 November 1850 with Roxanna adding her mark. The price was $500. On that date they obtained a life lease on their homestead (Rutland Co. Deeds 10:211, 19:211-212). About ninety percent of the male population was literate in 1750 whereas forty percent of women were. Zinn talks about the invisibility of women who were expected to keep the home cheerful, maintain the family's religious practises and be a cook, cleaner, seamstress, etc. Their emergence during Roxanna's lifetime is reflected somewhat in the literacy rate for women which doubled between 1780 and 1840 (Zinn, *People's History*).

Timothy died after 4 November 1850, and probably before 8 April 1855, when Roxanna transferred from the Pittsford Congregational Church to a church somewhere in the ". . . West wherever her lot may be cast." Where Roxanna's lot was cast has not been discovered (VT Hist. Society, DAR Collection 38:129).

CHILDREN:

i. **(female)**[6], b. 1784-1790 and likely after 1789 (1790 US Census VT; see parents date of m.).

36. ii. **TIMOTHY, JR.**, b. after 1790 for he was not enumerated in 1790.

iii. **SALLY**, (conjectural) b. 1790-1800; m. Samuel Pratt 27 October 1813 (VT Hist. Society, DAR Collection 42:61; 1800 US Census VT).

37. iv. **DARIOUS**, (conjectural) b. ca. 1802 (N.B. Darious, Esther and Timothy enumerated at Pittsford in 1830).

Timothy Morsman, Jr.

36. Timothy[6] **Morsman, Jr.** (Timothy[5], Joshua[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born probably after 1790 which is assumed from the fact that he was not enumerated with his parents in 1790. He married his first cousin, Hannah Morsman, daughter of Oliver[5] and Esther Morsman, ca. 1815. Hannah was born ca. 1798 (Caverly, *Pittsford*, 291; VT V.R.).

Details about this family are sketchy, but they were living in Pittsford when they sold a house and land there to Easter (prob. Esther) Morsman on 13 March 1824. This property was north of land ". . . owned and occupied by the Widow (prob. Esther[5]) Morsman . . ." (Rutland Co. Deeds 13:108, recorded 16 March 1826).

Timothy and his family were still in Pittsford in 1830. His household included three male children born 1810-1815, 1815-1820 and 1820-1825 (probably William, Joseph and Charles) and one female child born 1825-1830 (1830 US Census VT).

Timothy's death is assumed to have been after 1830 (*ibid.*), and Hannah died at Pittsford on 10 August 1838 (VT V.R.).

CHILDREN:

i. **WILLIAM**[7], (conjectural) b. 1810-1815 (1830 US Census VT; 1840 US Census OH).

ii. **JOSEPH W.**, b. 26 July 1817 at Pittsford (VT V.R., Bk. 2:10).

iii. **GEORGE**, (conjectural) b. VT about 1823 (1850 US Census OH).

iv. **CHARLES R.**, (conjectural) b. 1820-1825; m. Louisa M. ca. 1842. Charles R. and Louisa, of Pittsford, quitclaimed 17 December 1847 ten acres, which was a portion of the real estate of their late grandmother Esther Morsman. Timothy made his mark as a witness. The abuttors were Roxanna's land deeded to her that day, the Morseman Farm and Joseph W.'s portion of Esther's

estate. Louisa bought twenty-two and one half acres in Pittsford from Samuel G. Fenton 18 January 1849. The price was $350 mortgaged over three years. Charles R., of Pittsford, received $400 for seventeen acres in Pittsford from William E. Hall 30 January 1849. The abuttors were S.G. Fenton (land bought from Louisa) and Royal Hall. Louisa M., of Pittsford, sold two and onehalf acres of land in Pittsford 18 January 1848 for $400. The abuttors were Thomas Adams (formerly Roxanna's land), Charles R. Morsman and Louisa's own land (1830 US Census VT; Rutland Co. Deeds 18:386, 19:15, 19:23-24).

v. **(female)**, b. 1825-1830. The facts are not clear, but Charles and Louisa may have been bro. and sis., not husband and w. as speculated in the preceding paragraph (1830 US Census VT).

Darious Morsman

37. Darious[6] **Morsman** (conjectural) (Timothy[5], Joshua[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born probably at Pittsford, Rutland County Vermont 1800-1810. He married Sarah Dolph there on 30 December 1827. According to the 1880 federal census in Michigan, she was born in Massachusetts about 1794 (1830 US Census VT and 1880 MI; VT. V.R.).

Darious and Sarah were living in Pittsford in 1830, but moved to Michigan sometime soon after that (1830 US Census VT).

Darious probably died before 1880, at which time Sarah was living with her son Darious in Allendale, Ottawa County. Michigan. She was then eighty-six, and her death has not been located (1880 US Census MI).

CHILDREN:

i. **DARIOUS**[7] **D., JR.** b. June 1832 (1900 US Census MI).

Joshua Morsman, Jr.

18. Joshua[5] Morsman, Jr. (Joshua[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born after 1774 and before 1780. He married Polly Burr on 1 January 1801 at Pawlet, Rutland County, Vermont. Polly (Mary) was born in Massachusetts ca. 1773 (1790 US Census VT; their Marriage Cert.; 1820 & 1850 US Census OH).

Joshua lived in Leicester, Addison County, Vermont in 1810, and moved to Perry, Brown County, Ohio before 1820. Although his death record has not been found, he probably died in Brown County before 1850 because he is not enumerated there that year with the families of his children (1810 US Census VT; 1820 & 1850 US Census OH).

One can only speculate about Joshua's motivation for moving to Ohio. The first settlement in Ohio was in 1788 at Marietta by the Rufus Putnam's so-called "Ohio Company." The War of 1812 was not just a war against Britain for survival as commonly thought, but rather a war for the expansion of the new nation into Florida, Canada and Indian territory. "A principle of progressive improvement seems almost inherent in human nature" was one rationalization for the removal of Indians to lands farther west. This removal cleared the land between the Appalachians and the Mississippi for immigration, canals, railroads, etc. Joshua was but one person in the westward expansion of the early 1800s (Zinn, *People's History*).

Mary was living in Perry in 1850 with her son Abel and she probably died there after 1850 (1850 US Census OH).

CHILDREN:

38. i. **ABEL**[6], (conjectural) b. VT ca. 1801 (1850 US Census OH).

ii. **SILAS**, (conjectural) b. VT ca. 1804; m. Marieta Stratton 9 July 1825 (VT Hist. Soc., DAR Collection, 42: 61).

39. iii. **LEVI**, (conjectural) b. VT ca. 1805 (1850 US Census OH).

iv. **JOHN**, (conjectural) b. 1810-1820 (1820 US Census OH).

v. **SAMUEL**, (conjectural) b. 1810-1820 (*ibid.*).

Abel Morseman

Farmer

38. Abel[6] **Morseman** (Joshua[5-4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born, probably in Pittsford, Vermont ca. 1801. He married Elizabeth Burnium on 6 February 1834. Elizabeth's birth was in Massachusetts about 1805 according to her application for a dependent's pension dated 11 May 1886 (1850 US Census OH; Brown Co. OH Bk. D P105; Nat'l Arch's).

Abel and Elizabeth moved to Perry Twp, Brown County, Ohio before 1837 (see date of b. Elizabeth) and were still living there in 1850. In 1850 their four youngest children and Abel's mother Mary, age seventy-seven, lived with them (1830 & 1850 US Census OH).

Abel probably died in Ohio in January 1865. Elizabeth was living in Miser, Blount County, Tennessee at the time she applied for a pension in 1886, but she probably died at Marysville, Texas before 3 June 1931, the date the claim ultimately was abandoned. A granddaughter, E. D. Key, lived in Marysville about 1931 (Nat'l Arch's, Pension Application No. 339149).

CHILDREN:

i. **ELIZABETH**[7], b. OH ca. 1837 (1850 US Census OH).

ii. **OBED S. B.**, b. OH ca. 1842. Obed enlisted at Wabash, IN ca. 1861, first in Co. J. and then as a Private in Co. I, 101st Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. Obed d. unm. 4 April 1871 of chronic diarrhea (US Census OH 1850; Nat'l Arch's).

iii. **PERMELIA R.**, b. OH ca. 1843 (1850 US Census OH).

iv. **FRANCES D.**, b. OH ca. 1843 (*ibid.*).

v. **ASENETH**, b. OH ca. 1847 (*ibid.*).

Levi Morsman

Carpenter

39. Levi[6] Morsman (Joshua[5-4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was probably born at Pittsford, Vermont ca. 1805. He married Rachael Fox on 1 January 1825. Rachael was born in Ohio about 1806 (Brown Co. V.R., Bk. cP31; 1850 US Census OH).

Levi probably moved to Ohio with his parents about 1820 for his father lived there in Perry Twp. in 1820 (LDS, AIS Search 2, 1820-29).

Levi and Rachael were in Perry Twp. in 1830. Two children, one female and one male made up the family that year. They also lived in Perry Twp. in 1840 and in 1850. Their six youngest children were in the family in 1850 (1830, 1840 & 1850 US Census OH).

The deaths of Levi and Rachael have not been found.

CHILDREN:

i. **(female)**[7], b. ca. 1825 (see date of marriage and 1840 US. Census OH).

ii. (female), b. 1825-1830 (*ibid.*).

iii. **SYLVESTER**, (conjectural) b. prob. in OH about 1827 (1850 US Census OH).

iv. **(female)**, b. 1830-1835 (*ibid.*).

v. **JACOB**, b. OH ca. 1833 (*ibid.*).

vi. **ELIZABETH**, b. OH ca. 1835 (*ibid.*).

vii. SARAH, b. OH ca. 1836 (*ibid.*).

viii. NANCY, b. OH ca. 1839 (*ibid.*).

ix. MARY, b. OH ca. 1842 (*ibid.*).

x. DELILAH, b. OH ca. 1849 (*ibid.*)."

Chapter 7

Samuel Mosman

Yeoman

7. Samuel[4] Mosman (Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 27 February 1740. He married Anna Keyes at Princeton on 30 October 1769. Anna was born on 21 June 1748, the daughter of Robert and Martha (Bowker) Keyes of Shrewsbury. Anna was the sister of Lucy, "the lost child of Wachusett." (Sudbury V.R., 99; Princeton V.R.:121; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:212; Shrewsbury V.R., 60).

Samuel moved with his parents to Princeton in 1760. He sold sixty-one acres in Princeton to Jonas Goodenow for £73 on 21 October 1766, although it is not known when he acquired this property. He bought a fifty-acre parcel of land bordering the Watertown Farms in Princeton on 15 August 1767, and on 30 August 1767 he purchased four and one-half acres there. In 1771, he had a house with an adjoining shop, six acres producing six tons of hay and two tilled acres yielding twenty-five bushels of grain. He owned two cattle, six sheep and one pig (Worcester Co. Deeds 56:354, 79:27; 1771 MassTax). [The Watertown Farms were located near Mt. Wachusett].

Samuel was a "Private, Capt. Joseph Sargent's co. of militia, Col. Sparhawk's regt., which marched April 20, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Cambridge; service 12 days; reported returned May 1, 1775; *also*, Capt. Manasseh Sawyer's co., Col. Nicholas Dike's regt.; pay abstract for travel allowance, etc., home, dated Dorchester Height's, Nov. 30, 1776; said Mosman credited with allowance for three days (51 days) travel." Capt Sawyer's Co. consisted of ninety-two men drafted on 18 August 1776, serving eight months most of the time in Dorchester Heights (MSSWR, 11:164; Nourse, *Lancaster*, 146).

Following his military service, Samuel sold fifty-four acres bordering the Watertown Farm and Jonas Keyes' land and sixty-one acres in the northeast part of Princeton on 21 October 1776. He moved his family to Westminster in 1777, and on the 15th of

December that year he purchased a messuage and one hundred and seven acres of land there (Worcester Co. Deeds 56:35, 76:237, 81:283).

Samuel was a yeoman or a farmer who cultivated his own farm. He owned a pew on the ". . . ground floor second from the broad aisle . . ." in the First Parish Meeting House in Westminster, and also a ". . . one horse stable oposite the East poarch (sic) of said meeting house." He and Anna resided at Westminster in 1790 with three of their sons and five daughters (Worcester Co. Probate 42191; 1790 US Census MA).

Samuel was an established farmer with sufficient assets to purchase eleven acres on 11 May 1793 and three acres on 3 June 1793, both lots in north Westminster. His son Asaph and his daughter Lucy were witnesses to the first, and his son Abel and his cousin Matthias[4] were witnesses to the second, of these transactions. He acquired a thirty-two acre messuage in north Westminster on 12 April 1797 (Worcester Co. Deeds 119:272 and 202:468)

In 1819, at age eighty, Samuel sold his farm (messuage) in Westminster for $300. Abraham was a witness to the sale. It is likely that Samuel and Anna then lived with their son Asaph (Worcester Co. Deeds 247:77).

Samuel and Anna quitclaimed on 1 April 1823 their rights to the homestead of Jonas Keyes for $1,300. Five years later Samuel was dead, having died testate on 29 December 1828 at age eighty-eight (Worcester Co. Deeds 242:93; Worcester Co. Probate 42191; Westminster V.R., 239).

His will, written on 6 June 1815, left $300 each to his "beloved sons" Abraham, Samuel, Jr., and Moses. The remainder of his estate was ". . . to be paid in two years after the Decease of me and my beloved wife Anna Mosman." To his "beloved daughters" Eunice Garfield, Mary Miles, Anna Gates and Phebe Gates he left $200 each. To his "beloved daughter" Lucy he left $300, fifty of which "is to be considered as for past services", and if the "said Lucy should not marry and not be able to support herself I order that she be supported out of my real estate . . . during her natural life." To his "beloved son" Asaph he left one-half of his real estate

at his death and one-half ". . . after the decease of my beloved wife Anna. To her he left ". . . one half of the produce of my farm lying in Westminster; free from any Expense to her for cultivating and securing the same which is to be performed by my Executor." He also left Anna one-half of ". . . my buildings & personal Estate for her . . . use During her natural life." His estate was valued at $2,045 of which the land was $2,000, the pew $40 and the stable $5. His personal estate, consisting largely of farm animals and equipment, was valued at $435.12. His son Samuel was named the Executor of his estate (Worcester Co. Probate 42191). [Samuel's will is given in its entirety in Appendix 5].

On 26 March 1829, the widow Anna paid $200 for a one-half interest in a saw mill probably for her son Asaph. The mill had been owned by the grantor in common with her late husband. She died in Westminster on 22 September 1840 at the age of ninety-two (Worcester Co. Deeds 267:4-5; 1830 US Census MA; Westminster V.R., 239).

CHILDREN:

19. **i. ABRAHAM**[5], b. Princeton 27 October 1770 (Princeton V.R., 51).

20. **ii. SAMUEL, JR.**, b. Princeton 23 March 1772 (*ibid.*).

iii. ASAPH, b. Princeton 12 January 1774. Asaph bought land in Westminster 5 May 1814 and inherited land there from his father. Asaph res. Westminster in 1830 where he farmed. That year he sold his f.'s home farm for $1,800. His m. Anna and his bro. Moses's wid. Allice and her ch. lived with the fam. in 1850. Asaph d. intestate 25 June 1847. Allice had the largest claim against the estate (Princeton V.R., 51; Worcester Co. Deeds 235: 9-10, 279:13-14; 1830 & 1850 US Census MA 1850; Worcester Co. Probate 42187 and 42191).

iv. LUCY, b. Princeton 6 December 1775; d. unm. 19 June 1830 and was bur. 21 June 1830. The special condition of her father's will regarding her fu-

ture care and her unmarried status throughout life suggest that she had a debilitating emotional or physical condition (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:230; Westminster V.R., 239).

v. **EUNICE**, b. Westminster 20 November 1778; m. Samuel Garfield of Waltham 3 June 1810. Ch. (surname **Garfield**): 1. *Jane* b. Westminster 24 September 1816. 2. *Mary* b. Westminster 8 March 1818 (Westminster V.R., 239; Ashburnham V.R., 140; LDS, IGI, MA, N0272, 14557 and 14561).

vi. **MARY**, b. Westminster 20 November 1780; m. John Miles of Gardner 13 August 1804. Mary may have d. before 1820 for a John Miles m. Sarah Mosman at Stow 9 January 1820 (Westminster V.R., 67; Gardner V.R., 94; Stow V.R., 177) [see Sarah dau. of Ezra[4]].

vii. **ANNA**, b. Westminster 3 April 1782; m. Reuben Gates 12 February 1806. Ch. (surname **Gates**): 1. *Anna Mosman* b. Gardner 16 October 1807. According to Heywood, they had five other ch. but their births have not been found (Westminster V.R., 67 and 170; LDS, IGI, MA, N0273, 14602; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

viii. **PHEBE**, b. Westminster 30 October 1785; m. Daniel Gates, int's 6 May 1805. Ch. (surname **Gates**): 1. *Daniel Merrick*, b. Gardner 22 April 1806. 2. *Sophronia* b. Gardner 18 April 1808. 3. *Leonard Mosman* b. Gardner 28 July 1810. 4. *Lucy* b. Gardner 8 February 1813. 5. *Charlotte* b. Gardner 11 August 1818. Heywood indicates that Phebe had six ch. but only these five have been found (Gardner V.R., 94; Westminster V.R., 67; LDS, IGI, MA, N0273, 14606, 14607, 14620, 14622, 14634; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

21. **ix.** **MOSES**, b. Westminster 20 January 1792 (Westminster V.R., 67).

Abraham Mosman

Farmer and Carpenter

19. Abraham[5] **Mosman** (Samuel[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Princeton on 27 October 1770. Abraham was a boy of seven when his father moved the family to Westminster where he was a resident about sixty-nine years. When he was twenty-five, his intentions to marry Eunice Upton were published on the 16th of May 1795. The banns were forbidden, however, by Eunice the following day (Princeton VRs:51; Westminster VRs:170).

He found a willing mate, and he married Achsa Whitney Seaver on 19 April 1802 at Westminster. She was born on 30 December 1784, the daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Whitney/Whiting) Seaver. Census records confirm that they made their home in Westminster, although they may have lived for a time in Leominster. Massachusetts vital records indicate that Abraham was a farmer, and Heywood says he was "A man of intelligence and a great reader." (Westminster V.R., 83, 170; MaSA 185:283; 1820 & 1830 US Censuses MA; MaSA 33:221; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800, 865).

Abraham died intestate at Westminster of typhus fever on 30 September 1847. His estate, which was declared insolvent on 16 October 1848, was sold at auction for $306.52. The court allowed his widow Acsah $100, and there were other claims totaling $465.90. The inventory indicated that he was a carpenter. It contained several types of saws, augers and planes. He may have specialized in the making of window frames there being several included in the inventory. The inventory also included a four acre lot and farm implements and tools (Westminster V.R., 239; Worcester Co. Probate 42185).

The widow Achsa (also called "Axaph" in some Princeton records) was living in Westminster in 1850. Her children Abel, Daniel, Silas, Charles, and Phebe and Solomon H. Gates, age six, made up the rest of her household. In 1860 her sons Abel, Stephen and Silas, farm laborers, were still living in the Westminster home with their mother. Their real estate was valued at $1,000 and her personal property $50 (1850 & 1860 US Censuses MA).

Acsah died intestate at Westminster on 16 March 1865. Her estate consisted of personal items ($92.68), the Sever lot ($600) and her home and land ($725) for a total of $1,333. The homestead was in ". . . in the north part of Westminster, containing about thirty acres, with the buildings thereon." The Sever lot consisted of about ". . . 13 acres of Woodland, Orchard and Mowing, lying about one mile easterly of the center of said Westminster." (MaSA 185 :283; Worcester Co. Probate 42186).

The heirs of Acsah's estate, Stephen, Benjamin, Charles, Silas, John, Daniel, Abigail Gates, Abel, Phebe How and James, each received $110. Stephen made his mark next to his name on his mother's estate papers. All of the male heirs were living in Westminster in 1865 except James who lived in Orange, Massachusetts, and Benjamin who lived in Barton, Vermont (Worcester Co. Probate 42186).

CHILDREN:

i. **ABIJAH[6] HOWE**, b. 19 February 1802; drowned 1 October 1810 (Westminster V.R., 67 and 239).

ii. **ABEL**, b. Westminster 31 July 1803. Abel bought land in Westminster although his mental problems were prob. responsible for not paying the mortgage. In an application to the Worcester County Probate Court, Samuel Pouffer of Westminster was appointed Abel's guardian about six months after the death of Acsah. "It appeared to the court that said Abel is an insane person, and incapable of taking care of himself." An appraisal of an inventory of his belongings consisted largely of carpentry tools which were valued at $23.91. Abel also signed with a mark at the settlement of his mother's estate. He res. at the Alms House in Westminster in 1870 where he d. 6 May 1872 (Westminster V.R., 67; Worcester Co. Probate 42184 and 42186; 1870 US Census MA; MaSA 249: 385).

40. iii. **JOHN**, b. 12 March 1806 (Westminster V.R., 67).

iv. **ABIGAIL**, b. 19 November 1807; drowned with her brother Abijah 1 October 1810 (Westminster V.R., 67 and 239).

41. v. **DANIEL**, b. Westminster 30 December 1809 (*ibid.*:67).

vi. **ABIGAIL A.**, b. Westminster 19 September 1812; m. Ezekiel Gates 16 August 1836 at Gardner, and made that town their home. Abigail d. April 1882. Ch. (surname **Gates**): 1. *Calvin* b. 25 February 1838. 2. *Samantha* b. 25 July 1839. 3. *Sawyer* b. 4 September 1841. 4. *Charles* b. Gardner May 1844 (LDS, IGI, MA, N0273, 14605, 14630, 25304; Gardner V.R., 27-8, 83, 94; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

vii. **JAMES**, b. Westminster 7 November 1813; m. Lydia Foskett, int. 18 September 1841. Lydia was b. Orange 20 February 1820, the dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Metcalf) Foskett (data furn. courtesy of Alison Frank, Rawson Family Archivist). James was a mechanic, chairmaker and a sleighmaker. Lydia d. 14 October 1861. James m. (2) at Athol, MA, Sophia D. (Wyman) Ainsworth 2 November 1862. Sophia was b. Waterville, ME ca. 1832, the dau. of John and Sophia B. Wyman. Sophia's death has not been found, but it was before 1878, when James prob. m. (3) Frances _____. James d. Orange 1 April 1888 of ulceration of the stomach. Ch. 1. *Lewis* (conjectural) b. ca 1842; m. Sarah _____. Lewis and Sarah had a dau. Florence S., b. Orange ca. 1870, who married George A. Woodward 10 March 1897. 2. (female) b. Orange 22 October 1843. 3. *Maria Annette* b. Orange 26 March 1847; d. unm. at Fitchburg of pneumonia 22 February 1904. 4. *Martha R.* b. Orange 22 June 1852; m. William Edward Albee 15 September 1872. William was b. Rockingham, VT 19 June 1849, the s. of W. Henry and Betsey (Mead) Albee. 5. *Lydia A.*

b. Orange 1 September 1854; m. Thayer. 6. *Della L.* b. ca. 1855; m. Alphonse S. Thayer 24 May 1873. Alphonse was b. Athol ca. 1850, the s. of Moses and Lucinda Thayer. 7. *Lotia Frances* (by Frances) b. Orange 1 November 1879; m. Abel O. Porter at Duxbury, VT 18 November 1899 (Westminster V.R., 67 and 170; MaSA 147:332, 4: 191, 63:271, 153:251, 391:373, 4:191, 22:199, 63:271, 244:361, 81:278 and 253:361; VT V.R.; Worcester Co. Probate 33533; MaBVS 43:130; Lyman Simpson Hayes, *History of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont* 1753-1907. [Bellows Falls, VT, 1907], 575).

viii. **PHEBEE**, b. Westminster 14 September 1815; m. Charles How of Fitchburg 22 November 1855 at Westminster. Charles, a farmer, was b. ca. 1808, the s. of Joel Howe. Ch. (surname **Howe**): 1. *Mary E.* b. ca. 1857. Charles d. before 1 April 1865. Phebee Howe was living with her bro. Silas in 1870. Phebee d., a wid., of pneumonia 26 February 1882 (Westminster V.R., 67; MaSA 89:257, 339:458; 1870 US Census MA; Worcester Co. Probate 42186).

42. ix. **BENJAMIN SEVER**, b. Westminster 12 December 1817 (Westminster V.R., 67).

x. **STEPHEN**, b. Westminster 25 May 1820. Stephen was a farmer in 1850, living with the family of Charles Coolidge, chairmaker, of Westminster. He d. 9 March 1867 of consumption (Westminster V.R., 67; 1850 US Census MA; MaSA 204:290).

xi. **SILAS**, b. Westminster 14 May 1822. Silas lived in West minster in 1870. His real estate was valued at $500 and he had $400 in personal property. Silas m. Martha L. Nutting May 13 June 1895. Martha was b. Dunstable, MA, January 1841, the dau. of Marcus and Philindia (Watson) May. Silas d. testate in Westminster on 15 October 1902 of diarrhea. His personal estate was

valued at $624.90 and his real estate was valued at $750. He left his entire estate to his estate Administrator Solomon K. Gates except that his widow Martha L. was to have the real estate "for her use during her life." Martha d. at Gardner 30 June 1913 of lead poisoning and chronic alcoholism (Westminster V.R., 67; 1870 & 1900 US Censuses MA; Worcester Co. Probate 30955; MaSA 444:70; MaBVS 44:474, 530:476).

43. **xii.** **CHARLES**, b. Westminster 12 February 1825 (Westminster V.R., 67).

John Mossman

Cooper and Farmer

40. **John**[6] **Mossman** (Abraham[5], Samuel[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Westminster on 12 March 1806 where he lived all his life. He married Susannah Pratt of Gardner, Massachusetts on 14 April 1835. Susan was born on 6 February 1809, the daughter of Aaron and Betsey (Warner) Pratt of Gardner (Gardner V.R., 51; Westminster V.R., 67 and 170; MaSA 411:578).

John ". . . built and occupied the small house near his father's home, where he worked at his trade of coopering", but the 1850 census lists him as a farmer, residing at Westminster. He and Susan had four sons in their household, plus Ellen G. Pratt, born in Vermont ca. 1838. John's real estate was valued at $300. In 1860 his real estate had increased in value to $400 and he owned personal property worth $100 (Heywood, *Westminster*, 801; 1850 & 1860 US Census MA).

John and Susan were still living in Westminster in the 1870 census with their son George. John died there twelve years later on 2 March 1882 of old age. He was seventy-six. His wife, Susan, died intestate at Westminster on 16 February 1890 of heart disease. Her son Jerome was the administrator of her estate which was valued at $371.70. Clara, Jerome, George and Waldo

all signed their name "Mossman" (1870 US Census MA; MaSA 339:458, 411:578; Worcester Co. Probate 14633).

CHILDREN:

i. **AUSTIN**[7], b. Westminster 26 August 1836; m. Clara A. Oakes 29 September 1869. Clara was b. VT September 1849, the dau. of Sarah Oakes. Austin was a mechanic and a teamster. He served in the Civil War in Co.'s H. and C., 36th Ma. Infantry. He was transferred to the Veteran's Reserve Corps 29 April 1864 and mustered out 14 July 1865. He was farming at Barton in 1870 and 1880, and on 12 December 1879 he applied for a pension (331692). Austin d. intestate at Craftsbury, VT 20 May 1892, and Clara applied for a widow's pension (552666) on 11 June 1892. Clara was living in Craftsbury with her dau. in 1900. She d. after 1900. Ch. 1. *Lilla Mabel* b. at No. Craftsbury 2 July 1875 (Westminster V.R., 67; 1870, 1800 & 1900 US Censuses VT; VT V.R.; Nat'l Arch's; *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War*, 3:748, hereafter cited as MSSMCW; Worcester Co. Probate 14633).

ii. **GEORGE W.**, b. Westminster 24 January 1845. Heywood says he lived in Barton, VT and had one child. George W. worked in a chair shop in 1870. He was living alone in Westminster in 1900. George W. d. at Westminster 30 November 1914 of organic heart disease (Westminster V.R.; MaBVS 104:294; Heywood, *Westminster*; 1870 & 1900 US Census MA).

iii. **JEROME**, b. Westminster 15 May 1847 (1900 US Census MA).

iv. **WALDO**, b. Westminster 23 April 1849; m. Ella Fidelia Owen 24 February 1881. Ella was b. VT March 1856, the dau. of Joseph and Deana (Shaw) Owen. Waldo was a mechanic and res. Barton in 1900. Ella d. at Barton 25 December 1923

after a fifteen year sickness. Waldo d. at Barton 27 January 1929. Ch. 1. (female), b. 28 November 1881. 2. *Lulu Belle* b. VT November 1891; m. 19 April 1927 Clayton Harold Wilson (Westminster V.R., 67; VT V.R.; Worcester Co. Probate 14633; 1900 US Census MA and VT; Barton V.R.).

Daniel Mosman

Yeoman

41. Daniel[6] **Mosman** (Abraham[5], Samuel[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born in Westminster on 30 December 1809, He married the widow Delana (Davis) Sylvester of Winchester, New Hampshire on 28 October 1852. Delana was born on 2 April 1818, daughter of Abel and Cynthia (Sylvester) Davis of Winchester. Delana was the widow of Merritt Sylvester by whom she had two children: Henrietta D., who married Samuel Barnes of Fitchburg and Lowell M., who was accidentally shot while hunting on 14 October 1871 (Westminster V.R., 67; Heywood, *Westminster*, 801; MaBVS 518:483).

The family settled on a farm in Westminster, making it their home for the balance of their adult lives. By 1870 their real estate was valued at $1,500 and their personal property at $1,000. Their only son Henry lived with them, probably until 1884 when he married (Heywood, *Westminster*, 801; 1860 & 1870 US Census MA).

Daniel died intestate at Westminster on 18 March 1889 of pneumonia. Henry W. Mossman, then of Worcester, was the Administrator of his father's estate. The value of the estate was $7,163 of which $1,500 represented the farm buildings in Westminster. The farm and hay, grass, pasturing and fruit listed in the estate inventory suggest that Daniel was a yeoman. He also had funds in bank accounts and bank stock (MaSA 402:579; Worcester Co. Probate 9764).

The widow Delana apparently lived alone in Westminster after Daniel's death, and she died of grip and pneumonia on 31 March

1901. She is buried in North Cemetery at Whitmanville. In her will she left her estate in trust for her grand-children, viz., Mildred C., Kenneth A., Paul H., Henry K. and Etta A. (Mossman) Flagg Sylvester (Worcester Co. Probate 228109; 1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 518:483).

CHILDREN:

i. **HENRY[7] WESLEY**, b. 28 July 1854 (Heywood, *Westminster* , 801).

Benjamin Sever Mosman

Owner of Vermont Grist Mill

42. Benjamin[6] Sever Mosman (Abraham[5], Samuel[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Westminster on 12 December 1817. He married Ann B. Davis of Winchester, New Hampshire on 12 May 1842. Ann was born at Winchester on 13 July 1823, the daughter of Abel and Cynthia (Sylvester) Davis. Ann was the sister of Daniel's wife Delana (VT V.R.; Westminster V.R., 170).

Benjamin Sever was "...successfully connected with the chair-making industry, and held many offices of trust" in Westminster. The 1850 census confirms his association with the chair-making industry (Heywood, *Westminster*, 801; 1850 US Census MA).

In 1850 Alice (Rider) Gates Mosman, the widow of Benjamin's brother Moses, was living in Benjamin's household. Her real estate was valued at $400 and Benjamin's at $1,400. After many years in Westminster, Benjamin and Ann B. moved to New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and then to Vermont where Benjamin operated a grist mill located in the village of Barton (Worcester Co. Probate 36152; Heywood, *Westminster*, 801).

Benjamin was in Barton, Orleans County, Vermont in 1860 with his wife Ann B. and their two children Janette, age ten, and Orange H., age eight. At the time Benjamin was an agent for a chair factory. He apparently owned only a small amount of land, as the value of his real estate was only $400. His personal property was high, $500, and he was a Selectman of the town of

Barton (1860 US Census VT; Abby Maria Hemenway, "The Town of Barton Vermont," *Vermont, Historical Gazetteer*, 75, hereafter cited as Hemenway, *Gazetteer*).

In 1861 he apparently found a place he liked, for on the 17th of April he paid $200 for a lot (#4 in the 7th range) in Barton Village, Vermont on the river from Bell River Pond. By 1870 the value of his real estate was $2,500 and his personal property was valued at $8,000. Benjamin was still an agent for a chair factory in 1870 and there were three children in the family (Barton Co. Deeds 12:509; 1870 US Census VT).

Ann B. died of apoplexy in Barton on 19 October 1893 at the age of seventy. She is buried at Westminster. Benjamin went to live with his son Orange H. in Barton whose household in 1900 included one servant (VT V.R.; MaSA 438:752; 1900 US Census VT).

Benjamin died intestate at Barton, age eighty-seven, on 16 May 1905. Orange H. Mossman was the adminstrator of his father's estate, which was valued at $25,130. Expenses of the estate were $5,486, leaving a residue of $19,644. Jerome[7] Mossman of Fitchburg and Frederick[7] W. Mossman of Westminster were sureties. Witnesses to the signatures were Jerome's son Leslie Mossman and Mary S. Mossman, Frederick Way's wife. The only heirs to the estate were Benjamin's children Orange H. and Janette A. Whiting (VT V.R.; Worcester Co. Probate 36152).

CHILDREN:

i. **ORANGE[7] BENJAMIN**, b. 12 February 1843; d. 25 November 1846 (Westminster V.R., 67 and 240).

ii. **ANN JANETTE**, b. Westminster 16 June 1847; d. 8 October 1848 (*ibid.*).

iii. **JANETTE ADELAIDE**, b. Westminster 9 March 1850; m. Delavan G. Whiting 24 December 1872. They lived in San Bernadino, CA and had four ch (MaSA 44:210; VT V.R.; Worcester Co. Probate 36152; Heywood, *Westminster*, 801).

iv. ORANGE H., b. Westminster 3 July 1852; m. Lois Martha Baxter ca. 1854. Lois was b. at Glover, VT 17 August 1841, the dau. of Hiram and Ellen (Hazen) Baxter. Orange worked in a chair factory and as a miller. Orange and Lois res. Barton in 1900. His f. and Cora Belle lived with the family in 1880 and 1900. Orange H. administered his f.'s estate in 1905. Orange's death has not been found although it was probably in Vermont after 1905. Lois d. 17 July 1909 at Barton. Ch. 1. *Gertrude* b. at Barton 7 October 1876. 2. *Maude E.* b. at Barton 13 November 1878; m. at Boston 8 May 1900 John H. Meyer of Philadelphia, the s. of Christopher and Mary (Von Stradtman) Meyer. Maude was a musician. 3. *Cora Belle* b. at Barton 9 January 1892 (MaSA 65: 230; 1880 & 1900 US Census VT; Barton V.R.; VT V.R.; Worcester Co. Probate 36152; MaBVS 503:105).

v. CORA BELL, b. Barton 15 March 1864; d. accidently at Barton 19 July 1880 (MaSA 321:454).

Charles Mossman

Farmer, Teamster

43. Charles[6] Mossman (Abraham[5], Samuel[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Westminster on 12 February 1825. He married, at Derby, Vermont, Salome Norris of Craftsbury, Vermont on 6 February 1862. Salome was born in May 1829, the daughter of Jonathan and Lucinda (Cross) Norris of Craftsbury (Westminster V.R., 67; VT V.R.; 1900 US Census MA; Heywood, *Westminster*, 801).

Charles married late in life and apparently never owned any land of his own. Prior to his marriage he was living in Barton, Vermont with the family of Benjamin and Mary Norris, later to become his in-laws. In 1870 he and his wife and son had moved to Westminster where they lived with the family of James Puffer. By

1900 they were living with their daughter-in-law in Westminster while their son Frederick was attending school in Amherst. The family lived on the Dr. Shumway place, three-fourths of a mile north of the central village of Westminster. Charles was a farmer (MaBVS 506:505; 1860 US Census VT; 1870 & 1900 US Census MA; Heywood, *Westminster*, 801). Charles died intestate in Westminster on 20 August 1900 of chronic Bright's disease. His son Frederick W. was administrator of his estate which was valued at $4,272.98 with no real estate, debts or charges. The proceeds of the estate were distributed to Salome (one third) and to Frederick (two thirds) (MaBVS 506-507; Worcester Co. Probate 27013).

CHILDREN:

i. **FREDERICK[7] WAY**, b. 14 March 1865; m. Mary Stella Lombard 15 April 1892. Stella was b. Westminster August 1872, the dau. of Franklin and Eunice (Whitney) Lombard. Frederick W. graduated from the Mass. Ag. College, 1890. He was a member of the Westminster School Committee. In 1900 he was a boarder at 94 Triangle Street in Amherst, MA. No further record (MaSA 179: 242, 426:531; Heywood, *Westminster*, 802; 1900 US Census MA).

Samuel Mosman, Jr.

Machinist, Blacksmith, Yeoman

20. Samuel[5] Mosman, Jr. (Samuel[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Princeton on 23 March 1772; He married Betsy Brigham of Alstead, New Hampshire. Their intentions probably were published on 22 February 1801 and they were married on 8 March 1801. Betsey was born at St. Johnsbury, Vermont 1770-1780 (Princeton V.R., 51; Westminster V.R., 170; MaSA 220:165; 1830 US Census MA; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

On 12 April 1797, prior to his marriage to Betsey, Samuel purchased a thirty-two acre tract in the northwest part of Westminster. His brother Abraham was a witness. This was likely the May Place, near the Benton R.R. Crossing. Later, he and his family moved to Scrabble Hollow, residing in a small home near the Lombard Mill, which afterward burned (Worcester Co. Deeds 202:468; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

The *History of Westminster* furnishes us with the information that Samuel was ". . . an ingenious, skillful mechanic, and was engaged in the manufacture of wooden ware, also in the machinist business to some extent." He and his family appear in Leominster, Massachusetts in the 1810 and 1820 censuses. By 1830 the family was in Westminster where he bought the land on which he lived. Included in the purchase was a one-half interest in an adjoining saw mill, perhaps the Lombard Mill (1810, 1820 & 1830 US Censuses MA; Worcester Co. Deeds 265:411; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

Samuel, blacksmith, and Betsey sold a tract of land in Westminster in 1832, but they remained in town for the rest of their lives. (Worcester Co. Deeds 289:525; 1850 US Census MA; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

Betsey died on 24 April 1851, and Samuel's death followed less than a year later, on 2 January 1852. Although he was eighty years old, he had not left a will. The four heirs to his estate petitioned the Court on 27 January 1852 to appoint his two sons-in-law, John Hyde of Winchendon administrator and Elisha Hyde as surety. Samuel owned real estate consisting of five lots and buildings appraised at $614.00. His inventory of personal goods was valued at $738.24 of which $605.46 were notes. The items of inventory included shoemakers tools, lathe & tail block, bit stock, pincers & soldering iron, one lot of gun barrels, pattern lasts, cast iron, 3 gauges, etc. There were no farm animals inventoried, suggesting that Samuel was probably involved in machine shop work and did not farm for a living (Worcester Co. Probate 42192; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

The four heirs to his estate were his son Tyler and his three daughters Mary M. Hyde, Sarah B. Hyde and Caroline Mentzer. Since they were ". . .all the heirs of Samuel Mosman . . .", on 27

January 1852, it is assumed that the whereabouts of his sons Jonas, Charles and Samuel was not known and intra-family communication was lacking. Jonas lived in New York, Charles lived in Royalston, and Joel probably lived in New York state (Worcester Co. Probate 42192; Heywood, *Westminster*).

CHILDREN:

i. **MARY**[6], b. 27 May 1801; m. Elisha Hyde 2 January 1833. Elisha was b. Winchendon 1 October 1805, s. of John and Abigail Hyde. They had no ch (Westminster V.R., 67; Gardner V.R., 88 and 94; Winchendon V.R., 45; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

42. ii. **JONAS KEYES**, b. 20 December 1803 (Westminster V.R., 67).

iii. **SAMUEL, 3rd**, b. 10 June 1805; d. after 1840 and before 1852 for he was enumerated in the 1840 census, but was not an heir to his f.'s estate in 1852 (Westminster V.R., 67; Worcester Co. Probate 42192).

43. iv. **TYLER**, b. 14 April 1807 (Westminster V.R., 67).

v. **SARAH BRIGHAM**, b. 5 March 1809; m. John Hyde of Winchendon 4 January 1832. John was b. 30 September 1804, the brother of Elisha Hyde above. Ch. (surname **Hyde**): Heywood indicated that they had six ch. but only the names of two have been found: 1. *Charles* b. 30 December 1833. 2. *Harriet L.* 24 September 1849 (Westminster V.R., 67 and 170; Winchendon V.R., 45; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

vi. **JOEL**, (conjectural) b. 17 March 1810 (Leominster V.R., 104). Probably died young.

46. vii. **JOEL**, b. 18 January 1811 (Westminster V.R., 67).

viii. **CHARLES**, b. 31 January 1813; m. Ruth Fisher of Royalston 20 November 1845. Ruth was b. ca.

1823, the dau. of Jason and Ruth Fisher. Charles ". . .was deaf and a very ingenious mechanic" who lived in Westminster. Ruth d. 16 August 1848. Charles d. 18 April 1850 (Westminster V.R., 67; Royalston V.R., 130 and 183; MaSA 19:186; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

ix. CAROLINE, b. 16 June 1815; m. William A. Mentzer 28 April 1839 and lived in Stow. Ch. (surname **Mentzer**): 1. *Caroline Elizabeth* b. 9 February 1840. Caroline d. Newton, MA 1878 (Westminster V.R., 67; Northboro V.R., 48 and 105; MaSA 302:144; Heywood, *Westminster*, 800).

Jonas Keyes Mosman

Chairmaker, Cabinetmaker

44. Jonas[6] Keyes Mosman (Samuel[5-4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born on 20 December 1803, and he married Elmira E. Reynolds on 3 March 1840 at Winchendon. Elmira was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts on 29 December 1810. She was the daughter of Phillip and Phebe Wadsworth) Reynolds (Gardner V.R., 94; Winchendon V.R., 143, 156; Frederick Endicott, *Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Intentions in Stoughton and Canton* [1896], 166, hereafter cited as Stoughton and Canton V.R.; Elmira's Obituary; Richard Reynolds Mosman, *The American Descendants of James Mosman*, hereafter cited as Richard Mosman).

Before his marriage to Elmira, Jonas was a chairmaker at Winchendon. He paid $125 on 11 October 1834 for land with a shop there. However, after three years of marriage, Jonas and Elmira moved to Phoenix, Oswego County, New York where they lived for five years. On 7 June 1847, Jonas paid $100 for a lot on Main Street in Schroepple, New York, but he may never have lived there. In the 1850 Census he and his family were again in Phoenix where he was making his living as a cabinetmaker (William[7] R.'s Obituary; Onandaga Co. Deeds 238:551; 1850 US Census NY; Worcester Co. Deeds 47:103; MaSA 343:83).

Jonas Keyes Mosman

Elmira (Reynolds) Mosman

Sometime probably after 1855, Jonas and Elmira moved further west to Wisconsin where they settled in the village of Grafton in Ozaukee, County. Nothing has been found concerning their lives in Grafton, although it seems safe to assume that he made his living as a cabinet maker. Over three decades later, Jonas died intestate in Grafton on 29 March 1888 where he is buried. Probate records indicate that his widow and her three children, Mary A. Griggs, William R. Mosman and Ella A. Parks, were the only heirs. The four heirs were residents of Milwaukee on 1 February 1889. The three children quitclaimed their rights to the Grafton property to their mother on 7 November 1888 (Richard Mosman; Ozaukee Co. Probate A1293).

Elmira had probably moved to Milwaukee to the home of her son William after Jonas' death. She sold her son William, by warranty deed, three lots in the village of Grafton on 8 November 1888. Elmira moved back to Phoenix, New York after 4 March 1890 when her husband's estate was settled. She was enumerated in the 1900 Census in the household of her son-in-law Morgan M. Carter. She died in Waterloo, New York on 11 July 1903, and her obituary said she was a woman of ". . . wonderful strength and

independence of character." She was a member of the Congregational Church of Phoenix. She is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery, Waterloo (Richard Mosman; 1900 US Census NY; Elmira's Obituary; Ozaukee Co. Indenture 45646).

CHILDREN:

i. **MARY**[7] **AUGUSTA**, b. Westminister 21 July 1841; m. (1) William Losson Griggs at Grafton, WI on 25 December 1862. William was b. 12 September 1839, the s. of Peter B. and Elizabeth (Pierson) Griggs. William d. in WI 3 April 1882. Ch. (surname **Griggs**): 1. *Delbert Henry* b. 24 September 1863. 2. *Arthur William* b. 20 March 1870. 3. *Percy Lewis* b. 31 July 1877. Mary m. (2) Morgan Carter of Phoenix. Mary d. Kenosha, WI 12 February 1929. (C.W. Bowen, *The History of Woodstock Connecticut*, 6:235; Richard Mosman).

ii. **WILLIAM REYNOLDS**, b. Little Utica, Onondaga Co., NY on 17 October 1843 (from his obituary).

iii. **ELLA A.**, b. NY 22 July 1849; m. Richard Parks 26 May 1870 at Mzra, Washington Co. WI. Richard was b. in Ireland, the s. of James and Jane Parks (Richard Mosman; Marriage Cert. 4:449).

Tyler Mosman

Boot "Clicker"

45. Tyler[6] **Mosman** (Samuel[5-4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Westminster on 14 April 1807. He married Harriet Haydon ca. 1833. Harriet was born at Stoughton, Massachusetts on 5 May 1813, the daughter of _____ & _____ (Wadsworth) Haydon (Westminster V.R., 67; 1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 506:298).

Tyler and his family lived in Worcester, Massachusetts where he was involved in boot manufacturing as a "clicker," or one who

stamps or cuts out the leather sections of the boot. The family lived on Plymouth Street in Worcester (MaSA 36:411; 220:165).

Tyler died at Beverly, Massachusetts on 18 January 1869 of "internal cancer" at the age of sixty (MaSA 220:165).

Harriet H. was living as a boarder in Brookfield, Massachusetts in 1900, perhaps near her son's home, although her home in Beverly was probably a summer home. She died testate at East Brookfield on 19 September 1900 of general paralysis. She left her two children one-half interests in her two tenement houses and lot on the north side of Stone Street in Beverly. The total value of this property was $1,500 (MaBVS 506:298; Worcester Co. Probate 27875; 1900 US Census MA).

CHILDREN:

i. **ALONZO[7] T.**, b. ca. 1838 (1800 US Census MA).

ii. **IDA FRANCES**, b. Worcester 17 November 1848; m. (1) Charles F. Smith, a mariner of Beverly, MA 17 November 1870. Charles was b. Beverly, the s. of Eben and Hannah (Putnam) Smith. They were m. by G. W. Whitney, Pastor of the Universalist Church of Beverly. Ida F. was living in Brooklyn, NY in 1895 according to her mother's probate record. Ida m. (2) _____ Phipps (Worcester V.R., 191; MaSA 226:151; Worcester Probate 27875).

Joel Mosman

46. Joel[6] Mosman (Samuel[5-4,] Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born on 18 January 1811. He married Mary R. _____ probably in New York state ca. 1839, judging from the birth of their first child. Mary was born on 26 May 1820 (Westminster V.R., 67; Gardner V.R., 104; Leominster V.R., 104).

Little has been found regarding Joel's early life. Although he likely lived in Westminster for a period, he moved to Oswego, County New York perhaps with his brother Jonas about 1847. He and

Mary are grantors of a lot in the town of Schroepple, Oswego County on 3 January 1849 (Oswego Co. Liber 50:497).

Within a year of the land sale Mary developed mental difficulties, for she was enumerated as an insane pauper at the Whitestown Asylum in Whitestown, Oneida County, New York in 1850. Although it is not certain that this was Joel's wife, the evidence is compelling given that Schroepple is but a short distance away, the inmate was born in Massachusetts and her age was twenty-nine. Joel and his wife Mary returned to Massachusetts sometime after 1850 and before 1881 (1850 US Census NY).

A land purchase on 22 June 1876 places Joel in Westminster when he paid $1,500 for land and buildings in Shirley, Massachusetts. They probably moved to Shirley at that time living there about five years until 25 April 1881. On that date he sold his Shirley property for $1,000. Mary R. released her right of dower (Middlesex Co. Deeds 1566:89).

Mary's death has not been found, although a gravestone record exists in Leominster which gives only her year of birth. Her date of death probably was after 1881 (Leominster V.R., 104).

Joel died intestate at Marlborough, Massachusetts on 13 June 1892. His nephew William A. Mentzer administered his estate. Joel left his estate to Susan Sophia Shepherd, his girl friend. If she did not survive him, his grandchildren Aggie and Ethel, children of his son Orange, were to receive his estate. Joel left his watch (No. 2248508) to Albert C. Mentzer (Middlesex Co. Probate 32853).

CHILDREN:

i. **ORANGE[7] L.**, b. 1 April 1840; m. at Ashburnham Harriet Elizabeth Bemis 28 March 1868. Harriet was b. at Ashburnham 23 September 1848, the dau. of Albert F. and Sarah (Hastings) Bemis. Orange served in the Civil War, enlisting 3 September 1862. He was an artist, a photographer and a musician in Co.'s S and H, 53rd Mass. Mil. Infantry. He contracted dysentery, typhoid fever, scarletina, measles and mumps while in the military in 1863. He was mustered out 2 Septem-

ber 1863 at Camp Stevens, Groton Junction, and d. intestate at Shirley, on 17 July 1878. Harriet applied for a widow's pension (239655) on 28 September 1878. In 1880 and 1900 Harriet was living in Ashburnham with her daus. She d. of an accidental fall 9 October 1935 at Ashburnham at the age of eighty-seven. Ch. 1. *Marion Agnes* b. Shirley MA 7 April 1870; d. testate and unm. at Ashburnham 5 January 1960. She is bur. Forrest Hill Tomb in Fitchburg. 2. *Orra Ethel* b. MA 20 December 1874; d. intestate and unm. 15 June 1930 at Ashburnham of a cerebral hemorrhage (Ashburnham V.R., 13; MaSA 302:157, 210:188, 261:409; Nat'l Arch's; 1880 & 1900 US Census MA; MSSMCW, 4:646; Middlesex Co. Probate 7859; Worcester Co. Probate 199399 and 101364; MaBVS 2:488, 3:95, 43:81).

Moses Mosman

Yeoman, Cooper

21. Moses[5] Mosman (Samuel[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Westminster on 20 January 1792. His first wife was Dorothy (Dolly) Grey of Fitchburg whom he married on 11 September 1814 (Westminster V.R., 67; *The Old Records of the Town Of Fitchburg Massachusetts*, 3 [Fitchburg, 1900], 94 and 415, hereafter cited as Fitchburg V.R.).

On 14 March 1816, Moses purchased two lots (46 and 6 acres) in Westminster for $400. Moses and Dolly sold the forty-six acre tract in Westminster for $440 on 3 February 1819 (Worcester Co. Deeds 259:234, 259:224).

Heywood says that Moses and his family lived on the Dickinson Place in Westminster near his father's home in 1819, which is confirmed by the 1820 census. The family moved to Fitchburg probably after Dolly's death on 8 September 1825. Moses married (2) Allis Rider of Fitchburg on 18 January 1829 (Fitchburg V.R.,

158; Heywood, *Westminster*, 801; 1820 US Census MA; Worcester Co. Probate 42190).

Moses died intestate in Fitchburg 10 July 1829 at age thirty-seven. The inventory of his estate included cows, calves, swine and fodder, suggesting that he, like his father, was a yeoman. His estate was appraised at $147.86 plus additional articles found after the appraisal valued at $32.50. Debts against the estate totaled $123.99, leaving a balance of $70.40. Among the claims were two by his brothers Samuel ($34.65) and Asaph ($71.48). An other claim against the estate was a bill for Dolly's gravestone which is probably located in Fitchburg. The estate was declared insolvent on 10 May 1830 (Fitchburg V.R., 354; Worcester Co. Probate 42190).

His mother Anna died on 22 September 1840, and according to the terms of his father's will he was to receive his legacy two years thereafter. On 28 June 1843, a legacy was paid to his estate amounting to $337.19. The remaining debts of his estate totaled $317.10, leaving a balance of $20.09 distributed in equal parts to his widow Allis and his two children Austin and Susan Stimson (Worcester Probate 42190).

His widow Allis married Asaph Gates on 30 September 1859 (MaSA 128:80 and 239).

CHILDREN:

i. **SUSAN**[6], b. 21 January 1815; m. John Stimson a resident of Swamscott (Heywood, *Westminster*, 801).

ii. **AUSTIN**, b. 24 August 1818; m. Sarah S. Wiggin a resident of Swamscott, int. 22 September 1844. Sarah was b. VT ca. 1829. Austin was a farmer, and he and Sarah were living on Ashby West Rd. in Fitchburg in 1860. Their dau. Lucy F., and her three children lived with them in 1880. Sarah d. before 1899, and Austin d. at Swampscott 16 February 1899. Ch. 1. *Lucy Francelia* b. in Fitchburg 29 October 1845; m. William H. Fletcher of Springfield, a State Constable, at Lynn on 14 September 1865. Ch. (surname **Fletcher**):

i. *William H.* b. _____. ii. *Sarah A.* b. _____. iii. *Wallace S.* b._____. 2. *Sarah* b. MA ca. 1846 (Heywood, *Westminster*, 801; 1860 & 1880 US Census MA; MaSA 17:205, 180:221; MaBVS 92:657).

Chapter 8

Timothy Mo(r)sman

Revolutionary War Soldier

8. Timothy[4] Mosman (Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 26 February 1744/5. He married Lucy Bond of Weston, Middlesex County at Weston on 29 October 1772. Lucy was born in Weston on 12 February 1748, the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Mixer) Bond (Sudbury V.R., 99; Lancaster V.R., 46; *Town of Weston, Births, Deaths & Marriages 1707-1750.* [Boston, 1901], 132, hereafter cited as Weston V.R.; DAR 616350 A561; some data furnished courtesy of Lois Copley, Oklahoma Mayflower State Historian).

Timothy moved with his parents to Princeton in 1760 and later to Lancaster where he was located in 1771 (1771 MassTax, 322).

Timothy was a Sergeant of Bolton in Capt. Benjamin Hasting's Co., Col. John Whitcomb's Regt., which marched to Cambridge at the Lexington alarm of 19 April 1775. He was reported to have been at Prospect Hill and later was a Lt. in Capt. Aaron Guild's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regiment. He acknowledged on 21 June 1776 that a recruit ". . . Inlisted under me In the Arme . . ." (Nourse, *Lancaster*, 115 and 150; MSSWR, 11:164).

Timothy signed a petition at Camp at Hull 16 on September 1776 asking for an increase and payment of wages. He served until 16 November 1776, and was in the same company and regiment from November 1776 until he returned home. Timothy was a Lieutenant in Col. Gamaliel Bradford's Regiment, having been commissioned probably in November 1776. His next enlistment began on 3 December 1776 and he served from 1 January 1777 to 12 July 1778. He was in Capt. Zebedee Redding's Co., Col. Bradford's Regiment. His subsistence was allowed from date of engagement, 3 December 1776 to 30 April 1777 (MSSWR, 11:164).

His military record shows that he participated in the expedition to Ticonderoga, was present at the capture of General Burgoyne, and was on a muster roll of field, staff, and commissioned officers

in July 1778 at White Plains. In January 1778 he had a severe attack of small pox and he was reported on furlough by leave of Gen. de Kalb for sixty days, probably as of April 1778. That leave was caused probably because of difficulties he had with local authorities for statements made in 1779 and after (Nat'l Arch's, R7443; MSSWR, 11:165).

Timothy's difficulties were precipitated by verbal pronouncements in opposition to the currency, issued by the Continental Congress, which had declined drastically in value. His vehement vocal opposition to the currency landed him in the Worcester goal and he was indicted in April 1780. According to the Court he stated in public that "If I can get counterfeit money I will pass it as quick as any, it is good as any of the money. Damn the Congress & General Court and all that had any hand in the money. Our Authority ought to be damned: I will Damn them." His confinment to the Worcester goal, may have prevented him from returning to the armed forces for he was "omitted in January, 1780, on account of being a prisoner." When his father bought some land in Ward (Auburn), on 13 April 1780, he was available to witness the purchase, indicating that he had recovered from any illness he may have had, and was not then in the goal. He pleaded innocent to the above described indictment, but the disposition of the case has not been found (F.B. Heitman, *Historical Record of the Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April 1775 to December 1783* [Baltimore, 1873]; Nat'l Arch's; Worcester Co. Deeds 83:364; Worcester Superior Court Case #153333).

When peace became a reality in 1783 and perhaps due to the new freedom it implied, Timothy and his brother Oliver migrated to Stratton, Vermont during the Summer of 1783. They were the first settlers in Stratton. Oliver cleared the land and built a log house on the west half of the 5th lot in the 4th range, known as the Adams lot. Timothy pitched his tent not far from Stratton Pond. The first proprietors' meeting in Stratton, of which there is a record, was held on 16 September 1784, and Timothy and his brother were present (Hemenway, *Gazetteer*, 5:520-521).

In May 1785, Timothy and Oliver petitioned the Vermont Legislature requesting a gore of 1,200 acres of land between Somerset

and Stratton, "whereas we your Petitioners Inhabitance of the Town of Stratton are the first Inhabitance in Said Town . . ." (MsVTSP, 22:84). In another petition both Timothy and Oliver requested that the Town of Stratton be annexed to the County of Windham (MsVTSP 17:112-13). No evidence has been found to indicate that the Legislature favored them with a grant, and consequently Timothy, of Stratton, purchased two hundred acres of land near Stratton on 9 July 1787. Oliver was a witness to the sale. That year Vermont declared its independence, and a meeting was called and held at Oliver's house on 31 May 1788. Timothy was elected one of the town's selectmen. He was described as "rough and ready," although a kind-hearted man (Stratton Co. Deeds 1:24; Hemenway, *Gazetteer*, 525). [See Appendix 4].

Timothy was living in Stratton in 1790. His family consisted of Lucy, one male child born 1774-1790 and four daughters. During the 1790s, he sold four tracts of land in Stratton, probably from the two hundred acres bought in 1787. Timothy's good reputation as a Stratton resident of twenty-six years came to an end in 1809, when the selectmen of Stratton issued a summons for him and Lucy to depart the town. The reason has not been found (1790 US Census VT; Stratton Co. Deeds 1:34, 1:41, 1:43 and 1:46; Stratton Book 2: p. not known).

At the time he applied for a Revolutionary War pension (R7443), on 29 June 1818, Timothy lived in Painted Post, Steuben County New York, probably with his daughter Mary. Timothy's application indicated that he was ". . . in reduced circumstances and . . in need of assistance." His pension was not allowed ". . . for the reason that the manner of the termination of the claimant's service was never satisfactorily established." (Nat'l Arch's).

Timothy died in July 1826, probably at Cambell, Steuben County, New York. He is buried at East Campbell with a stone which incorrectly spells his name Mossman (data supplied by Lois Copley). (Esther K. Whitcomb and Dorothy O. Mayo, *Bolton Soldiers and Sailors in the American Revolution* [1985], 54, hereafter cited as Whitcomb and Mayo, *Bolton Soldiers and Sailors).*

Lucy died in Steuben County (DAR 616350 A561), probably from measles obtained from her grandson Robert Woodward (data supplied by Lois Copley).

Timothy is referred to as "Tory Tim" in Blake's *History of Princeton.* The evidence for this conclusion is apparently a letter written by Joseph[8] Jenry Morsman on 25 February 1907 regarding the relationship between Timothy and his brother Oliver. This letter claims, based on "family tradition", that a rift existed between them due to opposing loyalties during the Revolutionary War. There is considerable evidence to suggest that there was no animosity between them, viz., they were the first settlers in Stratton and two of the signatories to a petition to the Vermont legislature. They both changed their name to Morsman.

It is possible that he did not return to duty because of illness or because of his strong opposition to the currency which landed him in jail about the time he was to return to the military. The evidence thus does not support a disloyalty hypothesis, although the atypical manner of his discharge was a factor that led to the denial of his pension benefits. A much more likely scenario is that there was friction between William and Oliver, Timothy's brothers. Their loyalties were starkly different and more likely the source of the intra-family discord mentioned by Joseph[8] Jenry Morsman. Blake's reference to Timothy as "Tory Tim" is not justified by the evidence.

CHILDREN:

i. **(female)**[5], b. ca. 1773 (see date of parents m. and 1790 US Census VT).

ii. **MARY (Polly)**, b. prob. at Bolton 31 March 1775; m. Jonas Woodward 15 September 1791. This was the first m. performed at Stratton. Jonas was b. 31 May 1764 at Sutton, Worcester Co., the s. of Jonas and Rachel (Holmes) Woodward. Ch. (surname **Woodward**) all b. Stratton: 1. *Haskell* b. 29 April 1792; m. Luanna Abel ca. 1820. He d. 2 February 1884. 2. *Jacob* "Deacon" b. 2 January 1794; m. Betsey Wilder 2 September 1816. 3. *Olive* b. 17 March 1796; m. Obidiah Wheeler 29 December 1817. 4. *Cyrus* b. 15 December 1797. 5. *Lucy* b. 9 April 1800; m. Robert T. Davis. She d. 20 April 1886. 6. *Mary* b. 4 February 1803; m.

Daniel Woodworth. She d. 6 April 1900. 7. *Frank Jonas* b. 22 February 1805; m. Eliza Davis. He became a minister and d. Yorkville, IL 6 November 1885. 8. *Hyram* b. 24 March 1807. 9. *Franklin* b. 22 March 1809; m. Elizabeth Ross. He d. September 1846. 10. *Seline* b. 21 March 1811; m. Eli Cushing. He d. ca. 1908. 11. *Solomon* b. 10 January 1813; d. 13 August 1834. 12. *Melinda* b. 14 September 1815; d. 18 June 1835. Mary and Jonas moved to Hornby, Steuben Co., NY, after 1811 and prob. 1816. Their last ch. 13. *Robert Russell* was b. Painted Post 14 August 1819. He m. Mary R. Crandell 15 May 1843. He d. 1 March 1907. Mary d. East Cambell, Steuben Co. 2 May 1822. Jonas d. East Campbell, Steuben Co. 8 November 1850 (DAR 616350 and 256320; VT V.R., Stratton B 1:2 BMD; Hemenway, *Gazetteer*, 521; LDS, IGI, VT, N0837, 7136, 7138, 7139, 7140, 7142, 7143 and 7145; LDS, IGI, NY, 21,032; Sutton V.R., 193; Frederick Adams Virkus, ed., *The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*, 7 [Chicago, 1925] and 8 [Chicago, 1942] 823, hereafter cited as Virkus, *Compendium*). [Unreferenced data in this account supplied by Lois Copley who generously shared it].

iii. (female), b. MA ca. 1778 (1790 US Census VT).

iv. (female), b. MA ca. 1782 (*ibid.*).

v. (male), b. VT 1784-1790; prob. d.y. for no further record (*ibid.*).

Chapter 9

William Mo(r)sman

Loyalist

9. William[4] **Mosman** (Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury 20 March 1746/7. About 1760, at age thirteen, William moved with his parents to Princeton. He was living in Princeton when he married Sarah Nurse of Hopkinton, 1 January 1769. Sarah was born at Hopkinton on 11 February 1747, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Nurse (Sudbury V.R., 99; Hopkinton V.R., 143, 331 and 334).

Unlike his brothers, he does not appear in Princeton land records either as a grantor, grantee, witness or an abuttor.

After their marriage, William and Sarah located in Lancaster. By 1771, he was a tenant farmer there with three pigs, one horse and one cow. His brother Timothy also lived there in 1771, although four years later at the start of the war there began a separation that was to last about twenty years. After the outbreak of the hostilities of the Revolutionary War, William and his family probably moved to Boston and then to New York to be under the security of British forces (1771 Mass Tax; Justin Winsor, *The Memorial History of Boston Including Suffolk County, Massachusetts 1630-1880* 1 [Boston], 175).

Perhaps after the Peace treaty in 1783, and ". . . accompanied by his family of four [he] . . . went from New York to Shelbourne, Nova Scotia . . . where the Crown granted him one town and one water lot." (Lorenzo Sabine, *Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution* 1 1 [Baltimore, 1979], 559; see also David E. Maas, *Divided Hearts, Massachusetts Loyalists, 1765-1790.* Society of Colonial Wars, NEHGS, [Boston, 1980], 109).

One in five Americans were Loyalists, and like most of them, William probably regarded his leaving as temporary, thinking he would return as a victor once the British had quelled the rebellion. He apparently was among the twenty thousand loyalists who fought for George III, for his grandson Levi S. Morsman reported in 1898 that his grandfather "was in the service of Great Britain

twelve years, part of the time on a man of war on Lake Champlain." He probably gave up his property in Nova Scotia soon after his arrival there and went to Lake Champlain (Esmond Wright, *Red, White and True Blue*. [New York, 1976], ii; Joseph[8] Jenry Morsman Family History, hereafter cited as Joseph J. Morsman).

William Morsman was located in Stratton, Windham County, Vermont on 13 December 1797 when he paid £70 for Lot #4 in the 5th Range. A Timothy Morsman, probably his brother, was witness to the sale (Stratton Co. Deeds 2:42). [That this William is William[4] is conjectural, yet he is the only known William Morsman. Another posssibility is that he is the son of Timothy[4] but there is no confirming evidence.]

It is significant that William changed his name to Morsman, as did three of his brothers, and chose after his service with British forces to live in Stratton, where one of his brothers lived. Oliver had left Stratton several years before. The people of Stratton probably had mixed feelings about William's past which may have led to Timothy's enforced departure from the town. The facts are consistent with the hypothesis that the alledged rift between Oliver and Timothy was likely a confusion developed over time. The rift was likely between Oliver and William. [See account of Oliver].

William sold his land in Stratton for £600 on 19 May 1798. Their son John (conjectural) moved to Massachusetts about that time, while William and Sarah moved to New York state. They were living in Herkimer County, New York in 1800. Two males, one born between 1774 and 1784 (probably William W.) and one born between 1755 and 1774 (probably Timothy J.), lived with the family. The family had one slave (Stratton Co. Deeds 2:69; 1800 US Census NY). By 1804 all the northern states had either eliminated slavery or passed laws for its gradual abolition. In 1810 there were 30,000 black slaves in the North and by 1840 the number had dwindled to 1,000 (*Dictionary*; Zinn, *People's History*, 87).

William died intestate at Rome, Oneida County NewYork on 11 February 1809. Timothy[5] J. made oath that he saw William expire and Sarah was appointed administrator. Her death has not been

found (*Tree Talks*, Central NY Genealogical Society, V. 22, No. 2, June 1982).

Children:

22. **i. Timothy[5] Joseph**, (conjectural) b. MA between 1769 (see date of m. of his parents) and 1774 (1800 US Census NY). [N.B. Sarah's f.'s name was Joseph].

ii. Sarah, (conjectural) b. MA 1769-1774 (Joseph J. Morsman; 1800 US Census NY).

23. **iii. John**, (conjectural) b. MA ca. 1774 (1850 US Census MA).

24. **iv. William W.**, b. 23 October 1778 (Joseph J. Morsman).

John Morsman

Farmer

23. John[5] Morsman (William[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born in Massachusetts ca. 1774. He was "late of Stratton, Vt." when he married his first wife and first cousin Anna Parmenter. Their intentions were published on 2 April 1798. Anna was born on 16 September 1779, the daughter of Reuben and Martha (Mosman) Parmenter (1850 US Census MA; Princeton V.R., 121; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:230).

John's parents given here are conjectural. The evidence connecting him to William and Sarah is that they were all in Stratton in 1798 and one of John's sons was named William. Timothy's as yet unidentified son is probably not John, based on the age range given in the Vermont 1790 Census (1784-1790). Therefore, by elimination, John is one of William's children.

Before his marriage, John probably lived with his parents in Stratton, Vermont, but his parents sold their land in Stratton on 19 May 1798 and he moved to Princeton, Massachusetts (Princeton V.R., 121; Stratton Co. Deeds 2:69).

It is not certain whether John and Anna remained in Princeton during the next twenty years, but she died there probably soon after the birth of William H. in 1819. On 5 October 1823, John married as his second wife Rachael (Colburn) Ball, born ca. 1777. They were living in Rutland in 1830 with one son, born between 1815 and 1820 (probably Joseph Clark), but in 1840 John and Rachael are listed in Princeton without any family (1830 & 1840 US Census MA).

Rachael did not die until 6 or 7 January 1847, at the age of seventy, and in 1850 John, a farmer, is found living in Lynn with John Paul, possibly his son-in-law. His son William H. was also living in Lynn at the time (Princeton V.R., 180; 1850 US Census MA).

Joseph[8] Jenry Morsman's Family History indicates that John may have moved to Virginia to his son Bancroft's home about 1854 and, subsequently, to Illinois to live with his son Joseph Clark Morsman. John probably died at Tremont, Illinois after 1854.

CHILDREN:

i. **AMOS**[6], (conjectural) b. ca. 1800. Amos was located in Hubbardston, MA in 1840 (LDS, Search 4, 1840-49).

47. ii. **LEWIS**, b. ca. 1801 (Joseph J. Morsman).

48. iii. **BANCROFT**, b. ca. 1803 (*ibid.*).

49. iv. **CHARLES**, b. ca. 1807 (*ibid.*).

v. **GAYLER**, (conjectural) b. 1810-1820. Gayler was living in Petersham, MA in 1840 with his w., b. 1810-1820, and a male ch. b. 1830-1835 (1840 US Census MA).

vi. **(female)**, b. ca. 1813 (*ibid*); m. John Paul, poss. later moving to England (Joseph J. Morsman).

50. vii. **JOSEPH CLARK**, (conjectural) b. NY ca. 1816 (1850 US Census IL), or b. VT ca. 1806 (his Death Cert.).

51. **viii.** **WILLIAM H.**, b. West Boylston, MA ca. 1819 (MaSA 293:217; 1850 US Census MA). [The above dates of b. for Lewis, Bancroft, Charles and the female ch. are estimated].

Charles Morsman

49. Charles[6] **Morsman** (John[5], William[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born in Massachusetts ca. 1807. He married _____ ca. 1832, a date estimated from the birth of their first child. His wife was born about 1815 (1840 US Census IL).

Charles moved to Illinois probably before 1838, and by 1840 he was located there in Monroe County. His children that year included two males born 1835-1840 (John A. and Charles) and one female born 1835-1840 (Margaret). Another male with the family, born 1810-1820, may have been one of Charles' brothers (1840 US Census IL).

Information on the balance of Charles' life and his death have not been located.

CHILDREN:

- **i.** **MARGARET**[7], b. 1835-1840; m. M. A. Haldeman (Joseph J. Morsman).
- **ii.** **LOUISA**, b. 1835-1840; prob. d.y. (*ibid.*; 1840 US Census IL). There was a Louisa Morseman, b. ca. 1835 in NY, living in Pleasant Valley, Marquette Co. WI in 1850 (1850 US Census WI).
- **iii.** **JOHN ALEXANDER**, b. IL ca. 1838 (1880 US Census IL).
- **iv.** **CHARLES**, b. ca. 1839 (*ibid.*, 1840 and date of b. of John A.).
- **v.** **MARY CAROLINE**, b. ca. 1840; m. Richard Pash (Joseph J. Morsman).

Joseph Clark Morsman

50. Joseph[6] Clark Morsman (John[5], William[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born in New York ca. 1816 according to the 1850 Illinois census but in Vermont ca. 1809 according to his death certificate. He married Mary _____ ca. 1835, a date estimated from the date of birth of their first child (see b. first ch.). Mary was born in Massachusetts ca. 1816 (1850 US Census IL).

Information about Joseph is minimal, but census records indicate he probably moved from Vermont to Ohio before 1836 and susequently to Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois about 1844. The family was found there in 1850 with Mary, John A., Mary C. and Eliza A. (1850 US Census OH).

Joseph Clark died at Bloomington, Illinois on 17 September 1883 of a chronic inflamation of the liver and is interred at Washington Cemetery at Washington, Illinois (his Death Cert.).

CHILDREN:

i. **JOHN[7] A.**, b. OH ca. 1836 (1850 US Census IL).

ii. **MARY C.**, b. IL ca. 1844 (*ibid.*).

iii. **ELIZA A.**, b. IL ca. 1847 (*ibid.*).

iv. **JOHN BANCROFT**, b. IL July 1850 (1900 US Census IL).

v. **C.W.**, b. IL November 1857 (1900 US Census MI).

William H. Morsman

Cordwainer

51. William[6] H. Morsman (John[5], William[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at West Boylston, Massachusetts ca. 1819. He married Abigail _____ before 1850. She was born at Sanford, Maine ca. 1812 (MaSA 293:217; 1850 US Census MA; Lynn V.R.).

Little is known about William, although he and Abigail, Sadie and John resided at Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts in 1850 where he worked as a "block printer" and a cordwainer (1850 US Census MA; Lynn V.R.).

Neither William's nor Abigail's deaths have been found, suggesting that they, perhaps with his father, may have moved to the west or England after 1850. According to Joseph J. Morsman, William's only sister married John Paul, with whom her father boarded in Lynn in 1850, and moved to England. Only Sarah's death at age thirty is found subsequently in Massachusetts vital records, a fact that only adds to the uncertainty about the fate of the others.

CHILDREN:

i. **SARAH**[7] **(Sadie) F.**, b. ME 23 May 1847 (prob. Abigail's dau. by a previous m.); d. Wakefield, MA of spinal disease 23 July 1877 (MaSA 293:217).

ii. **JOHN**, b. Lynn 16 February 1847 (Lynn V.R.).

William Whitney Morsman

24. William[5] **Whitney Morsman** (William[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born in Massachusetts on 23 October 1778. His marriage to Lucy Sikes took place about 1801, probably in New York state. She was born on 31 October 1781, the daughter of John and Lucy (Harvey) Sykes of Herkimer, New York. Her father John Sykes was born on 25 August 1755 at Suffield, Connecticut and her mother Lucy Harvey was born on 26 August 1764 (Joseph J. Morsman; *Boston Transcript*, 22 February 1915, #4441).

Not much is known about this family, but the Federal Census has provided at least a record of their moves, placing them in Herkimer County, New York in 1800, in Hamburgh, Niagara County, New York in 1820 with four small children and in Alden, Erie Co., New York in 1830 with seven children. Lucy was a

member of the family, and thus probably died after 1830 (1810-1830 US Censuses NY).

William W. was living in Lockport Village, New York in 1840, and he died in March 1848 at the home of his son Levi in East Evans, Erie County (1840 US Census NY; Joseph J. Morsman).

CHILDREN:

52. **i. JOHN[6] JAY**, b. ca. 1800-1804 (see parents' date of marriage and 1820 US Census NY).

ii. (female) b. 1810-1815 (1830 US Census NY).

53. **iii. LEVI S.**, b. NY August 1814 (1900 US Census NY).

iv. LUCINDA, b. NY 1815-1820 (1830 US Census NY).

v. LORINDA, b. NY 1815-1820 (*ibid.*).

vi. LUCY, b. NY 1820-1825 (*ibid.*).

54. **vii. WILLIAM WHITNEY**, b. NY 1820-1825 (*ibid.*).

John Jay Morsman

Ash Boiler

52. John[6] Jay Morsman (William[5] W., William[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born in New York about 1803. He married Eunice _____ at Granby, Oswego County, New York on 24 December 1827. Eunice was born in the state of New York ca. 1810 (1860 US Census MI; Nat'l Arch's).

John J. and Eunice lived for a time in Ohio where some of their children were born. They moved to Michigan after 1850, and were living in Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan in 1860 with their children Levi, Orlando and Eunice. He worked as an ash boiler and had personal property valued at $100 (1860 US Census MI).

John J. and Eunice were Coldwater residents when she applied for a mother's pension on 24 July 1865. Her Pension Number was

103166 and the Certificate Number was 106990. At the time, deponents indicated that John J. was infirm, not having worked for over ten years because of a hernia (Nat'l Arch's).

John J. died at South Haven, Michigan after July 1865, but Eunice's death has not been found (Nat'l Arch's).

CHILDREN:

i. **SUSAN**[7], b. ca 1829.

ii. **WILLIAM**, b. Orange Co. NY ca. 1833; m. Adeline Vaughan 14 February 1856 at Coldwater. Adeline was b. at Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY 16 July 1838, the dau. of Cynthia Vaughn. William was a well digger. William and Adeline were living in Coldwater in 1860 with their s. William. He enlisted as a Pvt. 7 December 1863 in Co. M, 11th Vol. Cav. at Coldwater. William was discharged 2 February 1865 due to a hernia caused by a fall from a horse 20 July 1864 near Lexington, KY. He applied for a pension (No. 62096) 18 February 1865 (Cert. 848114). William d. 21 June 1870 at Branch, Branch Co., MI. Adeline applied for a pension (457818) 26 July 1890 (Cert. 358618). She res. Union, Branch Co. MI in 1900. Her m. Cynthia, her s. William and a niece, Etta Vaughn lived with the family. Adeline d. 24 November 1917 at Union City. Ch. 1. *William* b. ca. 1857; d. after 1900 (1860 & 1900 US Census MI; Nat'l Arch's).

iii. **JOHN JAY, JR.**, b. Geauga Co., OH ca. 1840 (1880 US Census MI; Nat'l Arch's).

iv. **LEVI S.**, b. OH ca. 1843. Levi S. was a soldier during the Civil War in Battery F., 1st Mich. Light Artillery (1860 US Census MI; Nat'l Arch's).

v. **ORLANDO D.**, b. OH ca. 1847. Orlando D. enrolled 20 February 1864 at Detroit, MI in Co. I., 9th Mich. Cavalry Volunteers. He was reported "missing in action" 12 March 1865 at Fayetteville,

NC while on a foraging detail. He was last seen being pursued by Rebels and was never seen again. He is presumed to have d. unm. 12 March 1865 (1860 US Census MI; Nat'l Arch's).

vi. **EUNICE**, b. OH ca. 1850 (1860 US Census MI).

Levi S. Morseman

Farmer

53. Levi[6] **S. Morseman** (William[5] W., William[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born probably at Hamburgh, Niagara County, New York in August 1814. He married Sarah Patterson ca. 1839. Sarah was born in New York in December 1817 (1900 US Census NY). Very little is known about Levi's early life, although he is found as a boy of sixteen in 1830 in Alden, New York with his parents. He apparently lived his life in western New York state for he and Sarah were living alone in Evans, Erie County, New York in 1900. They probably died after 1900 (*ibid.*).

CHILDREN:

i. **CORDELIA**[7], b. ca. 1840; m. Albert Sweetland (Joseph J. Morsman).

ii. **WILLIAM WHITNEY**, b. Erie Co. May 1842 (1900 US Census NY).

iii. **DAVID**, b. ca. 1846; d.y. (Joseph J. Morsman).

iv. **JAMES MORTIMER**, b. June 1848. He m. Mary E. _____ about 1870. Mary was b. in NY in October 1845. The family lived in Evanston, Erie County, NY in 1900. A niece, Estella, lived with them. Ch. 1. *Maud I.* b. NY September 1871. 2. *Harry I.* b. NY September 1881 (1900 US Census NY).

v. **ETHEL**, b. ca. 1850; m. John Black (*ibid.*).

Chapter 10

Oliver Mo(r)sman

Revolutionary War Veteran

10. Oliver[4] Mosman (Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Rutland, East Wing, now Princeton, Massachusetts, on 19 January 1760. He married (1) Dolly Trowbridge of Worcester ca. 1783. Dolly Trowbridge was born at Worcester and bp. on 13 October 1765, the daughter of James and Mary (Killey) Trowbridge of Worcester (Oliver Morsman, Esq., *A History of Breed's Commonly Called Bunker's Hill Battle 7 June 1775* [Sacket's Harbor, 1830], hereafter cited as *Bunker's Hill Battle*; F.B. Trowbridge, *The Trowbridge Genealogy* [New Haven, 1908], 513; Edgar Martin Morsman, *Mary, Edgar and Truman Morsman and Their Ancestors in the United States of America* [Omaha, 1932], 2, hereafter cited as Edgar M. Morsman, *Morsman Ancestors*; *Collections of the Worcester Society of Antiquity*, 7 [Worcester, 1894], 259 and 433, hereafter cited as Worcester V.R.). [the spelling of Sacket's Harbor above is correct, although today the apostrophe is omitted].

Oliver was ". . . a very large man, more than six feet tall, of dressy habits, and never saved any money." (Letter by Joseph[8] Jenry Morsman, dated 25 February 1907).

Oliver joined the army at Lexington, Massachusetts on 27 April 1775, eight days after the initial hostilities of the Revolutionary War. He was a private in Capt. Joseph Sargent's Company of militia, Col. Sparhawk's Regiment. Less than two months later, on 17 June 1775, he fought at the battle of Bunker Hill where he was wounded. Years later he wrote a book about his experiences at that battle (MSSWR, 11:163; Oliver Morsman, *Bunker's Hill Battle*; Nat'l Arch's).

There is a certificate dated 18 June 1775 at a camp in Cambridge, signed by Capt. Benjamin Hastings, certifying that Oliver Mosman and others belonging to his company, Col. Whitcomb's regiment, were in need of cartridge boxes, for which Hasting's promised to be accountable. There is a company receipt for wages dated August 1775 at Prospect Hill and also a company return

dated 6 October 1775. Oliver was also a Corporal in Capt. Aaron Guild's Company in Col. Josiah Whitney's Regiment (MSSWR, 11:163).

An abstract for advance pay for one month, etc., dated 13 July 1776, indicates that Oliver was at Camp at Hull. Also there was a petition dated 17 September 1776, signed by Oliver and others belonging to a battalion stationed at Hull, asking for increase and payment of wages (*ibid.*).

Oliver re-enlisted on 12 June 1776, went to Cambridge and enrolled in Capt. Aaron Giles Company, Col. Josiah Whitney's Regiment, General Varnum's brigade in the Massachusetts State line. He served until 1 November 1776, rolls dated at Camp at Hull. He was stationed in New Jersey from 12 December 1776 in Capt. David Nourse's Company. He received two wounds and then returned home for discharge at Roxbury in January 1777 (Nat'l Arch's; Nourse, *Lancaster*, 148; Oliver Morsman, *Bunker's Hill Battle*).

By his own account, Oliver was elected an orderly Sergeant and marched immediately for Ticonderoga, arriving there in April 1777 and remaining there until July 1777. He was in the retreat of St. Clair's Army to Stillwater. Gen. John Burgoyne took Fort Ticonderoga on 5 July 1777. Eventually Burgoyne advanced to Bemis Heights where, following two major battles with Gen. Horatio Gates' northern army on 19 September and 7 October 1777, he surrended at Saratoga on 17 October 1777 (*Dictionary*, 6:123; Oliver Morsman, *Bunker's Hill Battle*).

Oliver was in the battles at Bemis Heights on 17 September 1777 and 6 October 1777. After the defeat of Burgoyne in the latter battle, Oliver marched to Valley Forge. In June 1778, he marched to New Jersey and was in the battle at Monmouth on the 20th of that month. He was at West Point when Arnold deserted the American Army and was also at the defeat at Yorktown (Oliver Morsman, *Bunker's Hill Battle*).

He is next on a list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from the 2nd Worcester Company sworn to in Worcester County on 7 November 1777. Oliver was discharged on 23 March 1780 at West Point, New York, having served in Capt. Redding's Com-

pany, Col. Bradford's Regiment for a period of twenty-eight months. He was commissioned an Ensign at Orangetown, New York. An Ensign was one rank below a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary infantry (MSSWR, 11:163; Nat'l Arch's).

About the time of the Peace Treaty in 1783, Oliver and Dolly were married and moved to Stratton, Vermont to start a new life. He cleared the land there and built a log house on the west half of the 5th lot in the 4th range, known as the Adams lot. As if to accentuate the new life they had begun, he changed the spelling of his name to Morsman about this time (Hemenway, *Gazetteer*, 2:521).

On 24 May 1785, Oliver and his brother Timothy Morsman were two of three petitioners to the State of Vermont requesting "that whereas we your Petitioners Inhabitance of the Town of Stratton are the first Inhabitance in Said Town, and have been at Great Expense in order to Cultivate Said Town, and Never have had any advantage by any Grant of Land . . . Humbly Request that you would grant to us the . . . Goar of Land . . . between Stratton and Somerset containing 1,270 acres." Another petition dated 27 May 1785, also signed by both Oliver Morsman and his brother Timothy requested that the town of Stratton be annexed to the County of Windham. This petition is contained in Appendix 4 (MsVtSP 22:84 and 17:112-113).

Oliver was living in Chesterfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire in 1790 with his wife and two males, his sons, under sixteen and one other female, his daughter Mary. Dolly died at Chesterfield in 1791. Oliver and his children returned to Stratton where, over the period 1792 to 1796, he sold his Stratton land (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:20; Stratton Co. Deeds 1:4, 1:16, and 1:28).

It seems likely that he took his children to New York state, probably to Tompkins, Delaware County, after selling his Stratton land. He worked as a gatekeeper at a toll bridge over the Delaware River. It is not clear when, but perhaps in Tompkins he married (2) Lucy _____. Her date of birth is uncertain, but it was about 1758. They were enumerated in Tompkins in the 1820 Federal census (Nat'l Arch's; 1820 US Census NY; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:207).

On 6 May 1818, Oliver applied for a pension (S7242) and he was allowed $140 per annum. The application indicated that he was a farmer and that both he and Lucy were ill. He had an abscess on his left side and Lucy was subject to epileptic fits (1830 US Census NY; Nat'l Arch's).

Oliver and Lucy moved in 1820 to Henderson, Jefferson County, New York to be near his sons. He and Lucy were there in the censuses of 1820 and 1830. According to Jefferson County probate records, Oliver died on 25 April 1835. At the request of his sons, the court probably appointed Judge Zeno Allen to administer Oliver's estate. Lucy's death has not been found, but she apparently survived Oliver (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:207; Jefferson Co. Probate, filed alphabetically).

CHILDREN:

i. **MARY**[5], b. prob. at Stratton ca. 1784. Dolly, of Marlboro, VT, m. Lemuel Cobleigh at Marlboro on 14 September 1809. Dolly died ca. 1861. A search there and in neighboring states has yielded no trace of the Cobleighs (VT V.R.; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:207).

25. ii. **MARTIN TROWBRIDGE**, b. at Stratton 6 June 1785 (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:207).

iii. **MOSES JENRY**, b. at Stratton ca. 1788; m. Polly French ca. 1810. Polly was b. VT ca. 1788. Moses J. was a Private during the War of 1812 in the 55th New York Militia. The family res. at Henderson, NY from 1830 through 1860 where he farmed. He and Polly et al sold their rights to land in Pulaski, Oswego Co. on 17 October 1849 and in Elisburgh, Jefferson Co. 30 May 1849. These properties involved the heirs to the estate of Nathan French and the ch. of Ralph French. Polly d. ca. 1868, and is bur. Sulphur Springs Cemetery in Hounsfield. Moses J. d. Jefferson Co. NY in 1868 and is bur. in Sulphur Spring Cemetery. Ch. 1. (female) b. 1815-1820 (Genealogy Dept., Flower Memorial Library, Watertown,

NY, hereafter cited as Flower Library; 1830-1860 US Census NY; Sulphur Springs Cemetery Records; Nat'l Arch's; Oswego Co. Deeds ____:119; Jefferson Co. Deeds ____:412).

Martin Trowbridge Morsman

Yeoman

25. Martin[5] Trowbridge Morsman (Oliver[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Stratton on 6 June 1785. He married (1) Abigail Phillips probably at Henderson, Jefferson County, New York on 20 September 1807. Edgar Morsman, family historian, indicated the marriage took place in Stratton, but Abigail's New York origin and the fact that Martin was in Henderson by 1804, suggest that the marriage took place in Henderson. Conversely, the Phillips family was in Stratton, by 1783 (Edgar M. Morsman, *Morsman Ancestors*; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:207; see Appendix 4).

Abigail, the daughter of Parley Phillips, was born in April 1785 at Oneida, New York (History of Johnson County Iowa, 1883, hereafter cited as *Johnson County*). She is also given the parents Joshua and Dorcas (Cook) Phillips (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:207). This confusion is noted in Edgar Martin Morsman's family history and is not resolved here.

Martin came to Henderson ca. 1804 and moved to Sackets Harbor, Jefferson County, New York about six years later (Flower Library).

Military records indicate that Martin enlisted on 11 September 1812, following the British attack on Sackets Harbor on 19 July of that year. His subsequent enlistments occurred on 28 February 1813 and 26 October 1814, following British military threats to the community. The British attacked the naval base, where ship building was an important activity, on 27-29 May 1813. Naval control of Lake Ontario was an important aspect of the War of 1812. Martin served as a Private in the 55th New York Militia under the command of Captain Oliver Scott. His last discharge was on 15 November 1814 (Nat'l Arch's).

At the conclusion of the War of 1812, Martin T. moved to Alexandria, New York where he ". . . took an active part in "organizing and starting the town." He lived at LeRoy in Jefferson County in 1820 with his wife and their two children. The Flower Memorial Library records indicate that he moved to Hounsfield about 1828, where he died, but other evidence suggests that he lived later in Sackets Harbor. The confusion is resolved with the information that Hounsfield, apparently no longer in current atlases, was once a part of Sackets Harbor (Flower Library; 1820 US Census NY).

Martin's first wife, Abigail, died at Sackets Harbor on 10 May 1830, and Martin was enumerated in nearby Hounsfield in the 1830 Census with his two sons and a female born ca. 1812. Abigail was buried at the Carpenter Farm Cemetery in Hounsfield. Soon after, he married his second wife Elizabeth (Betsey) who was born in Massachusetts between 1789 and 1793 (Flower Library; 1830 & 1870 US Census NY).

About 1839, Martin and his partner, Joseph Hatch, ran a line of semi-weekly stages between Sackets Harbor and Rome, New York. Martin T. and Elizabeth lived in Hounsfield in 1850, and his grandson Clark lived with them. Martin received fifty acres of bounty land under the Act of 28 November 1850 (Flower Library; 1850 US Census NY; Nat'l Arch's).

Martin and Elizabeth lived in Sackets Harbor, probably Hounsfield, in 1860 where the census lists him as a farmer with $4,000 in real estate and $1,000 in personal property. Carrie Conger, born in New York about 1842, lived with them. In 1870, the family was still in Hounsfield, and their household included Mary Conger, born ca. 1822, as well as her daughter Carrie. Martin's real estate was then valued at $6,000, and his personal property at $1,000 (1860 & 1870 US Census NY).

Betsey died on 2 October 1871, age eighty-two, and is buried at Sackets Harbor Cemetery. Martin was in Sackets Harbor and was living there in 1871. He married his widowed housekeeper, Mary Conger, as his third wife, sometime after Betsey's death, and she died prior to April 1879 (Flower Library; Nat'l Arch's; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:207).

When he was eighty-six years old, Martin applied for a pension as a veteran of the War of 1812. His Pension Number was 14942 and the Certificate Number 219618 (Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files M313-68).

Martin died at Sackets Harbor on 17 April 1879, age ninety-three. His son Ephraim Phillips wrote on 20 April 1879: "I am now to tell you that my father died on the 17th of this month and was buried on yesterday, he was a model father and a model man, father and his last wife are buried at Sacketts Harbor. As father helped to defend Sacketts Harbor in the war of 1812 and was in the battle of that place he seemed to think he better be left there until he should be wanted. I am intending to remove my own mother's remains to the place where my father lies." (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208).

CHILDREN:

55. i. **EPHRAIM[6] PHILLIPS**, b. Henderson ca. 1808 (see m. date of parents; and 1820 US Census NY).

56. ii. **MOSES JENRY**, b. Henderson 20 May 1812 (Edgar M. Morsman, *Morsman Ancestors*).

Ephraim Phillips Morsman

School Superintendent

55. Ephraim[6] Phillips Morsman (Martin[5] T., Oliver[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Henderson, New York on 11 March 1809. He married (1) Elizabeth (Betsey) Dimmick on 6 June 1830. Betsey was born on 21 January 1812 (Flower Library; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208; *Adams Journal*, an early New York newspaper).

Little is known about Ephraim's early life, although he was identified as a prominent person in one record. Confirming this assessment is the fact that he was Superintendent of Schools in Hounsfield, New York in the 1870s. His farm contained a substantial amount of land—260 acres—in Jefferson County (*Watertown Times*, 4 November 1898; William H. Horton, ed.,

Geographical Gazetteer of Jefferson County, N.Y., 1684-1890 [Syracuse, 1890]).

Elizabeth passed away, age seventy-one, on 21 September 1883 at Sackets Harbor. Following her death, Ephraim married again, although the date has not been found. His second wife's name was Margaret _____. She was born ca. 1818, and died at Hounsfield on 20 November 1893 (*Adams Journal*). Ephraim died in Hounsfield at the home of his daughter Frances on 2 November 1898. He was ninety years old (*Watertown Times*, 4 November 1898).

CHILDREN:

i. **LAURA[7] A.**, b. Jefferson County NY 13 February 1832; m. Joseph Blodgett 13 February 1851. Ch. (surname **Blodgett**): 1. *Clark* b. after 1851. He lived in Adams, NY. 2. *Morsman* b. ca. 1853. He lived in Smithville, NY. 3. *Caroline* b. ca. 1858; m. Albert Bannister ca. 1833. Caroline's ch. were Albert Bannister b. 6 September 1884, d. May 1957, and Morris Bannister b. 15 August 1886, d. ca. 1954 (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208; *Reformer*, an early NY newspaper; Jefferson Co. Probate, will of Ephraim Morseman).

ii. **RUSH JENNER**, b. 22 September 1835 (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208).

iii. **MERENIUS JAY**, b. Jefferson County, NY 22 July 1840; m. Jane Chamberlain Wetter ca. 1868. Jane was b. ca. 1844, the dau. of John T. Wetter. Jay worked as a farm hand at Stowell's Corner, Jefferson Co., NY in 1860. Jay and Jane res. at Hounsfield in 1870 and 1880. Jane's f. John T., b. ca. 1810, and an Aunt, Clarissa Chamberlain, b. ca. 1826, lived with them. Merenius Jay d., a widr., on 12 August 1919 at Sackets Harbor and is bur. Sulphur Springs Cemetery. He had lived at Sackets Harbor for fifteen years. Ch. 1. *Jay Ward* b. ca. 1870; d. 31 December 1894. 2. *Floyd* b. Sackets Harbor ca. 1874. 3. *Pearl* b. 19 August

1877; m. T. Howard Reed of Watertown, NY. Howard d. 10 April 1920. Pearl bequeathed significant contributions to charities during her life. She d. at Watertown 18 July 1961. 4. *Grace* b. 20 August 1877; d. Hounsfield 23 August 1879 (DAR 92159; Box-Cleveland Funeral Home records 1913-1925, Watertown, NY; 1860, 1870 & 1880 US Census NY; *Adams Journal*; some details supplied by Eugene[9] Kimball Morsman).

iv. **CLARKE**, b. November 1842. He d. August 1863 at Fort Baker Washington, DC unm. Clark is bur. Sulphur Springs Cemetery (Flower Library; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208; Nat'l Arch's).

v. **CAROLINE H.**, b. 8 September 1844; m. Aaron Stearns at Sackets Harbor 12 August 1865 (p.c. E. Kimball Morsman). Ch. (surname **Stearns**): 1. *Mildred* b. _____. 2. *Clarke Morseman* b. Sackets Harbor _____; d. 22 May 1944. Clarke was survived by his dau. Beatrice (Stearns) Whitney, a kindergarten school teacher (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208; Clarke's Obit., *Watertown Daily Times*).

vi. **FRANCES**, b. Jefferson County NY 22 October 1847; m. Oscar R. McKee ca. 1875. Ch. (surname **McKee**): 1. *Teal* b. ca. 1828; d. ca. 1878 and bur. Sulphur Springs Cemetery (Sulphur Springs Cemetery Records; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208; Flower Library).

vii. **GILES**, b. 19 May 1855; d. January 1871 Jefferson. Giles is bur. Sulphur Springs Cemetery (Sulphur Springs Cemetery Records; Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208).

Moses Jenry Morsman

Physician, Bank President

56. Moses[6] Jenry Morsman (Martin[5] T., Oliver[4], Timothy[3-2], James[1]) was born at Henderson, New York on 20 May 1812, according to family historians, although he may have been born at Sackets Harbor. In any event his birth record has not been located, and he probably spent his boyhood in Sackets Harbor (*Johnson County*).

Moses received his medical degree from the University of New York on 14 April 1835 (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:208) and Herkimer Medical College. His degree was signed by Dr. Walter Willoughby, the University President (*Portrait and Biographical Record of Johnson, Powestile and Iowa Counties*, [Chicago, 1925], 131, hereafter cited as *Iowa Portraits*; Joseph[8] Jenry Morsman Family History).

Moses Jenry moved to Ohio in 1835 where he married Mary Margaret Hubbard of Castalia, Ohio on 22 May 1836. Mary was born at Fulton, Oswego County, New York on 2 June 1819, the daughter of Elisha Andrews and Amanda (Falley) Hubbard of Fulton. Mary Margaret was a cousin of President Cleveland. Her father Elisha was born at Hadley, Massachusetts on 18 June 1797. He married Amanda Falley on 25 September 1818 at Fulton. Amanda was born at Chester, Massachusetts 18 April 1802. Elisha died at Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa on 20 March 1880, and Amanda died there on 13 August 1875 (DAR 119406; *Iowa Portraits*, 131; Edgar M. Morsman, *Morsman Ancestors*, 6).

The family moved to Iowa City before 27 May 1845, settling on a small farm on the edge of town. Dr. Morsman practiced medicine about ten years and then established a drug store. He saw patients in a back parlor of the store (Johnson Co. Deeds 7:509; Edgar Martin Morsman, *Edgar Martin Morsman and His Four Sons*, [Omaha, 1963], 13, hereafter cited as *Four Sons*; p.c. Eugene[9] Kimball Morsman).

Dr. Morsman resided at Iowa City until his death in 1898. During those fifty-three years he was involved in ninety-four deeds as grantor or grantee. One of these deeds was for the sale of one

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hundred and sixty acres to Jeremiah Phillips of Oneida County, New York, likely a maternal relative. The date of sale was 1 January 1856 (Johnson Co. Deeds 15:212).

Dr. Morsman was prominent in the community, being Mayor of the city, a member of the Common Council, President of the First National Bank of Iowa City and ". . . a man of enterprise, and sterling integrity of character." Politically, Moses J. was a Jacksonian democrat. He served as Vice-President of Iowa State University and Appaiser of all the lands of the University. He was the first man in Iowa City to be made President of a school board. For forty years Dr. Morsman was affiliated with the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. He attained the Royal Arch Degree (*Iowa Portraits*, 131-2).

Mary Margaret apparently was more than a housewife for she was commissioned a notary public by Gov. Wm. W. Stone on 1 October 1866. It is unclear what use the notary was used for, but her husband obviously signed many legal documents for which a notary's impression may have been required (Johnson Co. Deeds 18:252; Johnson Co. Records 28:383).

On 22 July 1869, Moses and Mary bought land bordering Davenport Street in Iowa City from their daughter, Melvina A., and her husband. The price was $3,000 (Johnson Co. Deeds 27:382). On 21 May 1891, Dr. Morsman quitclaimed land in Johnson County to Lovell Swisha, the Treasurer of the State University of Iowa. This was an enforcement of a legal action, but the cause has not been determined (Johnson Co. Deeds 238).

Moses J. and Mary M. were living on Brown St. in Iowa City in 1880 with their son Albert H., his wife Janette and their daughter Everette, age four months. The family had two servants. The Brown Street property was purchased on 22 May 1869 by warranty deed from Anna Parker. The land, house, stable and outbuildings were the former home of Hugh D. Downey. The mortgage was satisfied on 23 June 1871 (1880 US Census IA; Johnson Co. Deeds 33:464).

Mary died at Iowa City on 4 June 1880. Her fifteen heirs-at-law quitclaimed to A. M. Hubbard their rights to several parcels of

land in Johnson County. Mary had derived her rights to these lands out of the estate of her father (*Johnson County*, 880).

Dr. Moses Jenry Morsman died at Iowa City on 12 September 1898 (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:209).

CHILDREN:

i. **MELVINA[7] ANNETTE**, b. 15 December 1837; m. Col. William Peters Hepburn of Clarinda, IA 7 October 1855. Col. Hepburn later was a Member of Congress from the 8th Iowa District. Ch. (surname **Hepburn**): 1. *Mary Margaret* b. ca. 1856. William d. 7 February 1916 and Melvina d. a widow on 16 March 1922 (DAR 119406 and 23389; *Johnson County*).

ii. **ASHBEL LEANDER**, b. Castalia 30 January 1839 (p.c. Edgar[9] Martin Morsman); d. January 1840 at Castalia.

iii. **EDGAR MARTIN**, b. Castalia 1 July 1840 (*Four Sons*, 13).

iv. **LOUISA ABIGAIL**, b. Castalia 12 May 1842; m. Lieut. John W. Porter who was a prominent lumberman (*Johnson County*).

v. **WESTEL WILLOUGHBY**, b. Castalia 22 October 1843; m. Mary Louisa Magill at Iowa city 2 September 1867. Westel was 5'11" tall and weighed one hundred and ninety pounds. He had blue-grey eyes, dark hair and light complexion. He enlisted as a Second Lt. at Iowa City in Co I, 22nd Regt., Iowa Vol. Inf. 5 August 1862. He was at the seige of Vicksburg and confined to Libby prison. He was discharged at Savannah, 25 July 1865 as a Capt. of Co. I. They res. Iowa City until September 1867 when they moved to Clarinda, IA, and res. there until October 1889. Later they moved to Omaha where Westel was an attorney until November 1910 when they moved to Los Angeles, CA. He applied for a military pension (1397270)

26 May 1911. Westel d. at Hollywood, CA of acute nephritis 20 May 1932. Louisa's widow's pension application (1719772) was dated 1 June 1923. She d. at home, a widow, on 26 November 1935 at Los Angeles, and is bur. at Forest Lawn Cemetery with her husband (her Death Cert.; Marriage Reg., Iowa City 2 September 1867; Nat'l Arch's; *Johnson County*; 1900 US Census NE).

vi. HARLEY ELISHA, b. Castalia 14 May 1845 (Joseph J. Morsman).

vii. EUGENE HUBBARD, b. Iowa City 5 August 1847; d. 16 January 1849 Iowa City (Blake, *Princeton*, 2:209).

viii. ELLEN AMANDA, b. Iowa City 1849; d. 1849 Iowa City (*ibid.*).

ix. ALBERT HUBBARD, b. Iowa City 11 November 1850. He m. Margaret Janette Woodstock in October of 1877. Like his father, Albert was a physician. Margaret d. in February 1881, and he m. a second w., May Kenyon of Falls City, NE ca. 1884. She was b. about 1856 and d. about 1924. Dr. Albert d. ca. 1915. Ch. 1. *Everette Janette* b. 16 February 1880; m. H. M. Hepburn and lived at Falls City. 2. *Westel Kenyon* b. Falls City ca. 1884 and d. after 1910 (1910 US Census MO). 3. *Sarah Louise* b. Omaha 10 June 1890 (DAR 85734 and 220626).

x. (female), unnamed (*ibid.*).

xi. ALVA HERMAN, b. Iowa City 28 February 1853; Mgr. American Car Co., St. Louis, MO; d. Los Angeles, CA 10 February 1929 (p.c. Eugene Kimball Morsman).

xii. DORMAN JENRY, b. Iowa City 11 May 1858 (DAR 509133).

Chapter 11

Moses Mosman

Physician of Sudbury

11. Moses[4] Mosman (James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born, probably at Sudbury, Massachusetts on 22 February 1742. He married (1) Mary Noyes on 29 January 1767. Mary was born on 28 December 1737 and died on 23 March 1773, about six months following the birth, on 28 September 1772, of a child that died the same day (Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

Moses married (2) Mary (Willard) Houghton of Lancaster on 2 April 1775 at Lancaster. Mary was born at Bolton, Massachusetts on 30 January 1751 (Wayland V.R., 94; Lancaster V.R., 125).

By 1775, when Moses was aged thirty-three and likely a practicing physician, there were 3,500 physicians in the American colonies. Of these, less than 400 held medical degrees, most of them earned in London and Edinburgh. Medical schools in the colonies initially grew out of apprenticeship training and lecture courses. America's first medical school was established in 1765 when Moses was twenty-three (*The Annals of America 1755-1783* 2 [Chicago], 196).

Dr. Moses Mosman practiced medicine from 1763 to 1813, with his practice extending to the communities of Stow, Acton, Concord and Marlboro. The following is one of his bills:

> To Doctor Mosman for doctoring Ashabel Knight in his late sickness, 3 visits and medicine 2.75

His home was in the northwest part of Sudbury. It was called the Mosman Place, and was probably the fifty acres conveyed to Dr. Moses by his father on 18 April 1785. He had a garden plot with herbs he cultivated, perhaps for medicinal purposes (Middlesex Co. Deeds 153:149-150; Hudson, *Sudbury*, 601).

Moses was apparently very religious, for in one of his journals he states that "on one occasion as he was riding in a very dark night, while in communion with God, a light shone about the team to

guide him." His hobby apparently was gunsmithing or gun collecting (Hudson, *Sudbury*, 601; Middlesex Co. Probate 15599).

Dr. Mosman and his wife Mary were living in Sudbury in 1790, probably with their two sons Nahum and James and their twin daughters Sarah and Mary. They purchased nineteen acres in the northwest part of Sterling and Leominster from David Willard on 31 March 1797. Their son James, age fifteen, was a witness to the sale. Two other land purchases were recorded for them (1790 US Census MA; Worcester Deeds 161:624; Middlesex Deeds 153:150; 153:153).

Moses, when he wrote his will on 1 January 1816, was ". . . indisposed in body, but of sound mind." The indisposition was probably an "ulceration of the urethra" which led to his death on 15 August 1817. Mary died on 17 August 1817 "by her own hands." They are buried in adjacent graves in the cemetery in Sudbury (Middlesex Co. Probate 15599; Sudbury V.R., 317; their g.s.'s).

In his will, Dr. Mosman attempted to treat his four surviving children equally in the distribution of money and property. His son Nahum received $750 and Mary, Sarah and James inherited the family farm equally. They were all charged with the care of their mother. His granddaughter Bathsheba received $100. Sarah and James were their father's choice for Executrix and Executor, respectively (Middlesex Co. Probate 15599). [Dr. Moses Mosman's will is given in Appendix 6].

Mary, by letter from her attorney to the Court, requested that her brother and sister settle the account of administration of their father's estate. They were ordered to appear at Cambridge on 8 January 1819 to be served the complaint. Mary's legal action indicates a lack of normal communication and cooperation between her, James and Sarah (Middlesex Co. Probate).

Dr. Mosman owned land in Prospect, Maine which his heirs quitclaimed to Nahum[5] (Hancock Co. Deeds 41:230). Three of the six heirs to his estate died within twenty-nine months of his death:

Mary, his wife, died on 17 August 1817,
Bathsheba, his grandaughter, died on 26 January 1819 and James, his son, died on 30 December 1819.

CHILDREN:

26.

i. **NAHUM**[5], b. Sudbury 15 March 1776 (Sudbury V.R., 99).

ii. **DAVID**, b. Sudbury 21 September 1777; d.y. 23 December 1777 (*ibid.*, 98 and 317).

iii. **MARY**, (twin) b. Sudbury 28 March 1779; m. Thaddeus Garfield of Weston 12 November 1823. Mary, singlewoman of Sudbury, quitclaimed all her rights to the real estate and personal property in her parents' estates 6 April 1819. Mary and her twin sis. Sarah paid $200 to Samuel Dakin for seven and one-quarter acres in Sudbury 17 April 1827. Giddeon Haynes and Nathan Puffer were abuttors. Mary d. 28 April 1842 (Sudbury V.R., 99 and 240; Middlesex Co. Deeds 430:185, 278:334; Marion Mosman, Genealogy—Mosman Family, unpub. mss., hereafter cited as Marion Mosman, *Mosman Gen.*).

iv. **SARAH**, (twin) b. 28 March 1779. Sarah was involved in the purchase of properties in Prospect, Maine. She acquired in her lifetime the Willard Farm in Sterling (MA), sold 26 February 1824, the Mosman Place in Sudbury (MA) by inheritance, and the Mosman Farm in Searsport (ME) from her bro. Dr. Nahum Mosman. She later sold the Mosman Farm in Searsport to her nephew David[6] of Bangor 12 July 1847. Sarah was living with the family of Ebenezer Stewart in Sudbury in 1850, and during the 1850s she bought four properties in Sudbury totaling one hundred and forty acres. Sarah d. testate at Sudbury of dysentery 19 August 1865. Sarah left:

1. her nephew Moses[6] her real estate (the Mosman Place) and a stock of farm tools in Sudbury ($5,750 value).
2. Zina[6] of Searsport $300, but a codicil dated 6 October 1864, prob. following Zina's death, left the money to Moses A. and Susan A., ch. of Moses[6].
3. her nephew David[6] of Bangor $15.
4. her nephew Ezekiel[6] of Searsport $600.
5. her nephew James[6] W. of Searsport $25.
6. her niece Sarah Ann of Searsport $25.
7. her nephew Moses Nahum of Monroe, $25.

(Sudbury V.R., 99; Lincoln Co. Deeds 40:232 and 46:276; Waldo Co. Deeds 59:330; Middlesex Co. Probate 38030; 1850 US Census MA; MaSA 184:154; Middlesex Co. Deeds 238:312, 744:276, 765:115, 776:560 and 803:232).

27. **v. JAMES**, b. Sudbury 1 January 1782 (Sudbury V.R., 99).

Nahum Mosman

Physician of Prospect, Maine

26. Nahum[5] Mosman (Moses[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born in Sudbury on 15 March 1776. He married Anna Brown at Stow on 21 October 1798. Anna was born, probably at Stow, on 28 October 1772. Her mother was Ann How, daughter of Col. Ezekiel How who led the Sudbury troops at Bunker Hill and at one time owned the Sudbury Inn (Stow VR, 122, 177; Sudbury V.R., 99 and 240; Letter in possession of Penobscot Marine Museum, written by Clarabel[8] Mosman, dated 22 April 1926, hereafter cited as Clarabel letter; letter in Penobscot Marine Museum written by Charles Norman Chase, dated 30 July 1927).

Nahum taught school and studied medicine. He moved to Prospect, Maine about 1803, about seventeen years before Maine

became a state on 15 March 1820. He was the first physician in Prospect, and he bought his first property there in March 1804 for $600. The tract of land was located "Northwardly of the Town and County road . . . ", i.e., the road that leads from Whitney's Mills on Halfway Creek to Buckstown ferry. Two years later he paid $800 for land on the south side of the county road to Penobscot Bay, property that was referred to as the Mosman Farm in many boundary identifications by his sons over the next nine decades (Hancock Co. Deeds 14:262, 22:292; Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

Dr. Mosman bought fifty acres in Prospect on 21 July 1807 and other lots there on 18 November 1809. The first property, known as the original Mosman Farm, was deeded to his sister Sarah who sold the farm to David[6] Mosman on 12 July 1847. Dr. Mosman continued to invest in Maine properties during the period from 1810 to 1820 (Hancock Co. Deeds 22:291, 29:102, 29:115, 29:259, 32:418, 34:196, 37:72, 40:19 and 49:43; Waldo Co. Deeds 59:330). [Waldo Co. separated from Hancock Co. on 7 February 1827.]

On 17 December 1818, sixteen months after the death of his father, Nahum received, in consideration of $900, the rights to property from his father's estate in Prospect on Penobscot Bay 18 rods "Eastwardly from . . . the East side of the mouth of halfway Creek . . ." These rights were quitclaimed to him by his brother James, his twin sisters Mary and Sarah, and Mary Mosman, James' wife (Waldo Co. Deeds 41:230).

Dr. Mosman lived in Prospect from 1810 through 1820 and actively purchased and sold land there from 1820-1823 (1810-1820 US Census ME; Hancock Co. Deeds 39:507, 40:18, 41:233, 42:223).

On 23 May 1823, Nahum sold the land and buildings "in Prospect whereon I now live. . . ." His premature death eleven months later suggests that he may have suffered from a terminal illness during that time. Nevertheless, Nahum died intestate on 9 March 1824 at Prospect and Anna was Administratrix of his estate. The estate inventory contained medical eqipment, i.e., scales and weights, surgical instruments, catheters and medical books. Anna represented to the court that Nahum's estate was ". . . insufficient to

pay all the just debts . . ." and commissioners were appointed to review claims. There were fourteen claims against the estate amounting to $238.94. Fifty-six signed notes, presumably medical notes due Nahum, were listed totaling $539.34. Anna was allowed $100 from the estate. Dr. Mosman is buried in Village Cemetery in Searsport (Hancock Co. Deeds 45:218; his g.s.; Hancock Co. Probate 1135).

Anna Mosman, of Prospect, and Jesse, Israel, Josiah, Betsey, Charlotte and Artemas Brown quitclaimed their rights to the family farm in Stow on 8 December 1828. Anna died at Searsport on 11 February 1831 (Searsport V. R.; Middlesex Co. Deeds 285:122).

CHILDREN:

57. **i. ZINA**[6], b. Stowe 28 December 1798 (Searsport V.R.).

ii. BATHSHEBA, b. MA 19 February 1800. She d. 26 January 1819. She received a legacy of $100, about one year before her death, from her grandf. Moses[4] (Family Bible Record, writer unknown; Clarabel letter; Middlesex Co. Probate 15599).

58. **iii. EZEKIEL**, b. Sudbury 17 December 1802 (Searsport V.R.).

iv. SARAH, b. Prospect, ME 11 September 1805; d. 17 October 1805 (Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

59. **v. MOSES**, b. Prospect, ME 4 October 1806 (Searsport V.R.).

vi. MARY, b. Prospect, ME 20 February 1809. She d. 1 March 1809 (Searsport V.R.; Clarabel letter).

60. **vii. DAVID**, b. Prospect, ME 18 December 1810 (Chase, *Mosman Gen.*)

viii. NAHUM, b. Prospect, ME 3 April 1814; d. 21 March 1815 (Searsport V.R.; Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

Zina Mosman

Shoemaker, Sea Captain

57. Zina[6] Mosman (Nahum[5], Moses[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Stow, Massachusetts on 28 December 1798. Zina moved to Maine with his parents as a boy of five, and he is located at Searsport, Maine twenty-five years later by the 1830 Federal census. His household that year included a woman born between 1800 and 1810 and a boy born between 1815 and 1820. No evidence has been found to identify the other two members of his household. Both Maine and Acton, Massachusetts vital records indicate that Zina married Clarinda Chaffin on 25 April 1839. Clarinda's death occurred in April 1840, either during or shortly after their son David's birth on 20 April 1840 (Sudbury V.R., 314; Acton V.R.; Searsport V.R.; 1830 US Census ME).

Zina returned to Maine sometime after the tragedy of Clarinda's death in 1840, probably leaving his son David with maternal relatives. While in Maine he married Lucy , likely before 1850, for they were enumerated in the Federal census for Maine that year. She was born at Sedgewick, Maine ca. 1808 (1850 US Census ME).

Zina was a commercial fisherman, captaining the fishing schooner *Kinderbook* during the years 1846 and 1847. His brothers Ezekiel and Moses also captained this ship for nearly ten years, perhaps cooperatively or for the ship's owner (F. Black, *Searsport Sea Captains* Penobscot Marine Museum, [Searsport], 139, hereafter cited as *Sea Captains*).

Zina and Lucy made their home in Searsport where in 1850 they had $200 in real estate. He captained the Schooner *Leo* during the years 1850 and 1851, although he is listed as a shoemaker in both the 1850 and 1860 census, and he apparently made his living from a shoe shop located on his property.

On 3 March 1860, Zina sold his wife Lucy a one-quarter acre lot from this property, perhaps in anticipation of a sale of more of his land on 28 August 1860. The land was originally purchased on 25 October 1859 from his brother David.

The family included their son David, when they were enumerated in the 1860 Federal census. Their remaining property was valued at $550 that year (*Sea Captains*, 140; Waldo Co. Deeds 118:476, 111:420; 1850 & 1860 US Census ME).

Zina's death has not been found, although he may have died at sea before 6 October 1864 (see codicil to his Aunt Sarah's estate). He left no will, and his estate was probated in the Spring of 1865. His wife Lucy was the only heir to the estate which probably was of little value, for the bond "against David Mossman and Moses Mossman" was less than $100 (Waldo Co. Probate 2870).

Lucy sold a house and land in Searsport to her late husband's cousin James[6] W. Mosman for $225 on 19 September 1857. In 1870 she resided in Searsport with the family of William E. Bergan and owned $300 worth of real estate. She probably died there sometime after 1870 (Waldo Co. Deeds 73:216; 1870 US Census ME).

CHILDREN:

i. **DAVID**[7], b. Sudbury 20 April 1840; m. Ellen S. Eastman of Concord, MA 4 August 1866. Ellen S. was b. Rumney, NH, the dau. of Ezekiel and Abigail Eastman. David res. with the fam. of John Chaffin, likely a maternal relative, at Acton, MA in 1850, although he was with his father and step-mother in Searsport in 1860. David was a farmer, and was not an heir to his f.'s estate in 1865. No further record has been found about David or his f., suggesting they may have had a common fate (Sudbury V.R., 317; MaSA 190:152; 1850 & 1860 US Census MA).

Ezekiel Mosman

Yeoman, Rigger and Sea Captain

58. Ezekiel[6] **Mosman** (Nahum[5], Moses[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 17 December 1802. He married

the widow Abigail (Colcord) Lord Thomas at Prospect, Maine on 7 October 1829. She was born ca. 1807 at Prospect, the daughter of Capt. Chase and Abigail (Lampher) Colcord. Abigail was the widow of William Thomas (Searsport V.R.; Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

Hannah Melissa (Lord) Thomas lived with the family. She was probably Abigail's daughter from a prior marriage to _____ Lord. Hannah was born on 9 May 1827, and married Samuel Woodbury, Jr. on 13 September 1843 (ME V.R.; Searsport V.R.).

Ezekiel and Abigail lived in Searsport in 1830. Their household included two other males, possibly his younger brothers Moses and David, and an older woman that was likely his mother. It is at Searsport and possibly Rockland that he learned to be a ship's rigger. According to Black's *Sea Captains*, Captain Ezekiel probably assisted in ". . . rigging more vessels than any other man on the coast of Maine—among them the Clipper Ship *Red Jacket* built in Rockland in 1854." Ezekiel also farmed for a living, for he was listed as a yeoman when he and Abigail sold land to his brother David on 5 November 1839. Their sister Sarah witnessed the transaction (Waldo Co. Deeds 34:238; 1830 US Census ME).

In 1848, Ezekiel was captain of the fishing schooner *Kinderbook*, possibly when it sank near Searsport on 14 August 1848. Fishing was likely an economic necessity between growing seasons and ship construction, in order to support his wife and seven children, all of whom were still living at home in 1850. Their real estate that year was valued at the modest sum of $80 (*Sea Captains*, 139; 1850 US Census ME).

In the 1860 census at Searsport, Ezekiel is listed as a rigger. Only five of his seven children lived with him and Abigail, for Sarah probably had died and Mary likely had married. The family's personal property was valued at $300. Ezekiel continued to fish to support his family and, while menhaden fishing in Searsport in 1863, he netted a horse mackerel (tuna) which weighed 900 pounds—a record for Searsport at that time (US Census ME. 1860; *Sea Captains*, 140).

On 16 March 1863, Abigail applied for a dependent's Civil War pension in the right of her son Jonathon who died in Washington

the previous January (Nat'l Arch. Pension Index, Appl. No. 15358, Cert. No. 89906).

On 27 February 1869, Ezekiel sold two acres adjacent to the "original Mosman Lot so called" on Mt. Ephraim Rd. in Searsport. This sale was in preparation for moving westward. He and Abigail probably traveled on the railroad, arriving in Grinell, Iowa later that year. Prominent in the news in 1869 was the completion, on 10 May, of the East-West transcontinental railroad in Utah. The Golden Spike National Historic Site is located in Box Elder County near the Great Salt Lake.

Ezekiel and Abigail lived with their son Alpheus. Although Alpheus left Grinell in 1882, Ezekiel remained for at least two more years, for he applied for a pension from Iowa on 20 May 1884. He returned to Maine probably after Abigail's death, the record of which has not been found, although it was likely in Iowa before Ezekiel's pension application. Ezekiel died on 4 April 1891, and is buried at the Village Cemetery in Searsport (Waldo Co. Deeds 147:441; *Sea Captains*, 140; Appl. No. 315883, Cert. No. 215912; Searsport V.R.; his g.s.).

CHILDREN:

i. **NAHUM**[7], b. Prospect, ME 11 January 1831 (Prospect V.R., 95).

ii. **SARAH**, b. Prospect, ME 14 March 1834 (*ibid.*),

iii. **MARY**, b. Prospect, ME 23 December 1835; m. Charles Brown. She d. Grinell, IA on 13 February 1896 (Prospect V.R.; *Sea Captains*, 139).

iv. **CHARLOTTE BROWN**, b. Prospect, ME 14 May 1837; m. J. Friendly Bickmore. Charlotte d. testate 16 June 1927. She left her homestead on Pike Ave. and her wood lot, both in Searsport, and the residue of her estate to her brother Augustus L. (Prospect V.R., 95; Clarabel letter; *Sea Captains*, 140; Waldo Co. Deeds 369:36).

v. **JONATHON COLCORD**, b. Prospect, ME 23 December 1839. He was a Civil War veteran who

served in Co. I, 4th Maine Infantry. He d. 9 January 1863 at Carver's Hospital in Washington, DC. Jonathon is bur. at Searsport (Prospect V.R.; Nat'l Arch's; g.s. record).

vi. ALPHEUS FIELD, b. at sea 1 February 1842 (Prospect V.R.).

vii. AUGUSTUS LAMPHER, b. 15 May 1845 at Prospect, ME; m. Margaret E. Barnes. Margaret was b. ME 14 February 1851, the dau. of Albert H. and Lucy J. (Bickmore) Barnes. They res. Searsport in 1900. He was ". . . agent and attorney . . ." of his cousin Fitz[7] Howard Mosman's estate in September 1918. On 21 June 1929, Augustus quitclaimed the "Big Meadow" lot to Mildred E. Shute, this being the eleven-acre lot inherited from his sis. Charlotte on 8 Septem ber 1927. He and Margaret petitioned the court to appoint a conservator of their estate because of "infirmities of old age and physical disability." Augustus L. d. testate at Belfast 31 May 1933. Margaret was the only heir to the estate, which was valued at $3,054. After her death, $300 was to go to her husband's grandniece Clarabel and the residue to the Searsport I.O.O.F. Margaret d. testate at Searsport 2 April 1935 (Searsport V.R.; Waldo Co. Probate 13408, 13423 and 10589; 1900 US Census ME; Waldo Co. Deeds 371:279 and 369:36).

Moses Mosman

Farmer and Sea Captain

59. Moses[6] **Mosman** (Nahum[5], Moses[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Prospect, Maine on 4 October 1806. He married Susan (Blanchard) Ridley of Prospect ca. 1832. She was born at Bowdoinham, Maine on 5 May 1813 (MaSA 284:132, 320:137).

Moses was typical of many Mosmans who lived in Maine, for he supplemented his income by investing in land as well as farming and fishing. He captained the fishing schooner *Kinderbook* in 1841, likely the first of his brothers to do so. He was also Captain of the schooner *Angola* in 1852 (*Sea Captains*, 140).

By 1850, Moses and Susan had accumulated $8,750 worth of real estate and, on 23 November of that year they sold "the south part of the Mosman . . . farm" which bordered Penobscot Bay in Seasrsport. Their son Loring was witness to the transaction. Much of their land was sold on the ninth of November of 1853 when Moses sold his house and land on the north side of Main Street in Seasrsport for $560, and when, on 23 May 1854, they sold their half of the "Lower Field" on the south side of the road from Bel fast to Bucksport to his brother David (*Sea Captains*, 140; Waldo Co. Deeds 74:54, 85:89, 87:294).

Moses and his brother David sold the "Inhabitants of Searsport" a small lot located on the "Mosman Ledge" on the east side of Mt. Ephraim Rd. with the privilege of using from the ledge enough stone to build ". . . a good and sufficient—Town Pound." The date was 24 May 1854. On the 14th of August that year, Moses also sold a shop and building in Searsport (Waldo Co. Deeds 86:415; 88:179).

Moses's home in Searsport burned probably early in 1856. This loss was offset by his Aunt Sarah with whom he had a good relationship. She probably enticed Moses to move to Sudbury to operate the Mosman Farm there for her. Moses and his family moved to North Sudbury ca. 1856, and later (1861) disposed of the ". . . Mosman Farm . . ." in Searsport. The arrangement with Aunt Sarah continued until her death on 19 August 1865 at which time he inherited the Mosman Homestead in North Sudbury (Penobscot Marine Museum records; MaSA 97:214; Middlesex Co. Probate 38030; 1860 US Census MA; Co. Waldo Deeds 115:30, 87:294).

After Sarah's death, Moses began to sell the Sudbury property: seven acres to Leander Haynes in 1866, four acres and buildings in 1867 to Francis M. Bowker, and nine acres in 1867 to George W. Barton. It is likely that these sales were the final disposition of the Mosman Farm that originally belonged to Moses' great

grandfather James. In later years the farm was called the Moses Mosman place. It was located east of Willis' Pond in Sudbury (Middlesex Co. Deeds 977:35, 1012:218 and 1017:214; Hudson, *Sudbury*). [See Map of Sudbury in Appendix 3.]

Once the Sudbury property was sold, Moses bought land and buildings in Assabet (a section of Stow) on 1 September 1867. He and Susan lived there for several years and later moved to Hudson, probably to live with one of their children (Middlesex Co. Deeds 1016:478, 1022:415).

Moses died at Maynard, Massachusetts on 16 November 1876 of congestion of the brain. His wife Susan died at Maynard ca. 1880 of cancer of the stomach. Her children, Frances M., Bashie A., Adelbert M., all of Hudson, and Edna L. and Amelda S. conveyed land and buidings in Maynard inherited from their mother to the town of Maynard (MaSA 284:132, 320:137; Middlesex Co. Deeds 2057:29).

CHILDREN:

i. **LORING[7] RIDLEY**, b. ME 22 May 1833. A sailor, he d. Hudson, MA. 1889 (Prospect V.R., 117; 1850 US Census MA; MaSA 401:114).

ii. **MARY FRANCES**, b. St. Albans, ME 13 September 1836; m. George T. C. Holden _____. It is Mary F., or her descendants, who were thought to have been the owner(s) of the "famous" Mosman clock referred to in some fam. histories. A Mosman coat of arms is on the face of the clock (Prospect V.R.; Middlesex Co. Deeds 2057:29; Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

iii. **DAVID**, b. ME 30 September 1839; prob. d. before 1850 (Prospect V.R.; 1850 US Census MA).

iv. **BATHSHEBA ANN (Bashie)**, b. ME 14 July 1842; m. 7 November 1860 Rufus H. Brigham of Marlboro, shoemaker, son of Francis and Sophia Brigham (Prospect V.R.; MaSA 136:134).

v. **MOSES ADELBERT**, b. Searsport, ME 23 November 1848; m. Sarah A. Wright ca. 1889. Sarah

was b. Hamlet, NY September 1848, the dau. of Sylvanus and Lovina Jane Wright. Moses A. moved to Hudson, where he built a Queen Anne mansion at 76 Park St. It is on the National Historic Register. Moses A. founded Hudson's first militia and he was later Ass't Adjutant General of Massachusetts. He also served as the Sergeant-of-Arms at the statehouse in Boston (Marion Wedger, unidentified newspaper article). Moses A. purchased or leased four properties in Hudson in 1893-94, and he and Sarah res. there in 1900. Both Sarah and Moses A. d. at Hudson; she on 2 April 1923 of chronic nephritis, and he of myocarditis on 29 April 1945. Ch. 1. *Loring Alvin* stillb. 29 December 1889 (Middlesex Co. Probate 38023; 1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 36:314, 51:78; MaSA 401:114; Middlesex Co. Deeds 2208:479, 2211:595, 2200:589 and 2333:541).

vi. **EDNAH L.**, b. Searsport, ME ca. 1851; m. at Westborough, William F. Wood of Hudson 5 June 1870. William F. was b. Concord ca. 1833, the s. of Eben and Phebe (Flint) Wood. Ednah L. lived in Athol in 1891 (MaSA 227:185; Middlesex Co. Deeds 2057:29).

vii. **SUSAN AMELDAH**, b. 25 November 1853; m. Harry W. Kempton (Middlesex Co. Probate 38028). [N.B. Prospect, ME V.R. give Susan's date of birth as 22 June 1843.]

viii. **SARAH**, b. Sudbury 17 July 1856; d. 14 January 1862 of "dropsy on the brain" (MaSA 97:214, 157:224).

David Mosman

"Trader", Merchant

60. David[6] Mosman (Nahum[5], Moses[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Prospect, Maine on 8 December 1809. He married (1) Mary Ann Lane of Hampden, Penobscot County, Maine about 1834. Mary was born on 29 December 1818, the daughter of William and Margaret (Dunbar) Connor. Mary A. and David were probably divorced, and she married _____ Salvage after 1834. Sometime after 1870 she married again, this time to James Willard Mosman, David's cousin. Mary A. died at Searsport on 29 September 1904 (Reading V.R., 153 from gravestone; Searsport V.R.).

At the age of fifteen, David went to work in Bucksport, Maine in Mr. Blodgett's store. It was likely the training that he received at this store that led to his occupation as a merchant. He moved to Bangor, Maine about 1835 and was living there in 1840. David was referred to in deeds as a "Trader" and hardware merchant. It was while working from Bangor that he met and later married Nancy Crockett of Portland, Maine on 13 July 1842. She was born on 24 March 1822, the daughter of Nathaniel Crockett of Gorham, Maine (MeSA V.R. before 1892; Reading V.R., 153; MaSA 428:338; Waldo Co. Deeds 99:91, 59:472; Clarabel letter; 1840 US Census ME).

David was an active merchant and real estate investor throughout his life, primarily in the town of Searsport. From the time of his marriage to Nancy until 1889, he was involved in fifty-four purchases or sales of land and buildings in the village of Searsport. Most (forty-eight) of these transactions occurred in the period 1850 to 1889. On 12 July 1847, his aunt Sarah sold "the Mosman Farm" that she had acquired from her brother Dr. Nahum Mosman. The buyers were her nephews David of Bangor and Moses of Searsport. They sold the "Mosman Farm" two months later, on 6 September 1847, for $4,000. Thaddeus Garfield, Sarah's brother-in-law, was a witness to the sale (Waldo Co. Deeds 59:330, 59:472).

The land and farm sales in Searsport attributed to David included property on both sides of Mt. Ephraim Rd., on the south side of Main St., on Searsport Ave., on Mosman St. and other locations there. Several sales, all in 1852, involved his brother Moses who lived in Searsport. As an investor who lived elsewhere, he came up against local tax laws for, in 1859, part the "original Dr. Nahum Mosman lot," consisting of one hundred and twenty-three acres, two dwelling houses and one blacksmith shop in Searsport Village, was sold to satisfy unpaid taxes of $53.30. David, the owner, was a resident of Bangor at the time (Waldo Co. Deeds 81:102, 171:419, 128:14, 238:405, 75:77 and 107:367).

David and his family probably left Bangor before 1859. They lived in Searsport for a few years owning, operating and/or renting a blacksmith shop in that village. In the Spring of 1867 they bought a farm in North Reading and by 1870 they were located in North Reading, Massachusetts with his son Fitz Howard (Waldo Co. Deeds 154:335; 1870 US Census MA; Clarabel letter).

In 1870, David sold land to the inhabitants of Searsport for the erection of a soldier's monument. He and his brother Moses sold to the town of Searsport the "Mosman Ledge" on Mt. Ephraim Rd in order to build from the stones there ". . . a good and sufficient Town Pound." He continued to travel from his home to Searsport where he was boarding in 1880 (Waldo Co. Deeds 154:335, 86:415; 1880 US Census MA).

David and Fitz Howard sold land in Searsport to Edward Sheldon on 26 September 1889. David acted as his own attorney, and their wives relinquished their rights of dower. In addition, Fitz Howard quitclaimed his rights to seven parcels of land and buildings, (the Mosman Estate) to his father on 21 February 1884 (Waldo Co. Deeds 223:307, 223:443).

Nancy C. died of cancer at North Reading on 12 October 1892, and David died testate at North Reading on 15 December 1893 of pneumonia. They are both buried in Riverside Cemetery in No. Reading. His son Fitz H. was the administrator of his estate. David left $1 to his granddaughter Mary Harris Chase. The residue was left to Fitz H. provided his wife, who predeceased him, Nancy C. Mosman ". . . would receive during her life one-half of the rents derived and obtained from said estate and also that said Legatee

Fitz H. shall provide for and furnish proper maintenance to the said Nancy C. Mosman during her natural life." (MaSA 428:338; Waldo Co. Probate 242:367).

David's granddaughter Clarabel sold the land for Mosman Park to the Searsport Memorial Park Association on 17 January 1922, and the land for Mosman Street in Searsport to the town on 26 March 1925. A four-ton boulder was hauled to Mosman Park for a plaque dedicated to Searsport veterans of WW I (Knox Co. Deeds 340:353 and 361:323; *The Creative Informer*, 1 [1967], 1).

CHILDREN:

i. **MARY**[7], b. prob. Bangor, ME ca. 1835, dau. by Mary (Lane) Mosman; m. _____ *Harris*: Ch. (surname **Harris**): 1. *Mary* b. ca. 1855; m. Frank Bernard Wetherbee. Ch. (surname **Wetherbee**) 1. *Frances* (Clarabel letter).

ii. **FITZ HOWARD**, b. Bangor, ME 13 September 1846; m. Abbie Lou Chapman of No. Reading 1 September 1870. Abbie was b. at Tuftenboro, NH, the dau. of Rev. Elias and Lydia K. (Palmer) Chapman. In 1870 they res. in No. Reading and owned $7,000 in real estate and $1,500 in personal property. Fitz H. bought and sold several properties in Searsport, ME during the next thirty years, several being part of the "Mosman Plan of 1855." At the same time, he was involved in several real estate transactions in No. Reading, mainly with the Flint family of No. Reading, and on 22 December 1892, he sold his farm in No. Reading. Abbie d. 16 October 1913 at No. Reading of pneumonia and is bur. in Riverside Cemetery there. Fitz H. d. of diabetes 17 February 1918. Ch. 1. *Clarabel* b. MA 2 July 1871; d. testate unm. at Boston 12 October 1945 of pneumonia. Clarabel left her estate in trust to her sister Mary's ch. 2. *Howard Butler* b. No. Reading 19 January 1874; d. 20 January 1875 of cerebral meningitis. 3. *Mary L.* b. So. Reading 22 September 1876; m. Charles A. Smith

teacher and Charles was a civil engineer, the s. of Willis P. and H. Martina (Eaton) Smith. Ch. (surname **Smith**): i. Carol Mosman. ii. Mariel Eaton. iii. Clarabel Chapman. 4. *Abbie* b. No. Reading 13 October 1880. 5. *Margaret* b. ca. 1881. She d. 1 February 1894 of pneumonia and is bur. Lynn, MA (MaBVS 90:11, 78:231, 23:104, 78:233, 492:41, 537: 569; Clarabel letter; 1870 & 1900 US Census ME Waldo Co. Probate 10589 and 15871; Norfolk Co. MA Probate 109579; MaSA 233:310, 260:184, 275:174, 278:171, 314:190; Middlesex Co. Deeds 1045:176, 1366:423; 1508:381; 2101:510 and 2165:343).

James Mosman

Yeoman and "Trader"

27. James[5] **Mosman** (Moses[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 1 January 1782. He married Mary (Park) Ford of Westerly Rhode Island on 3 October 1810. Mary was born on 5 April 1786 (Sudbury V.R., 99; Belfast V.R.; Searsport V.R.; ME V.R.).

James was a yeoman and a "Trader" who early in life began to invest in Maine land in Prospect where his brother lived. He purchased a tract of land in Prospect on 10 April 1810 shortly before his marriage to Mary. They probably became permanent residents of Prospect, for their first four children were born there (Waldo Co. Deeds 25:461; Hancock Co. Deeds 1:230).

Their life in Prospect was marred by the death of their second and third children, Samuel and Mary Ann. James and his family moved to Sudbury after Mary Ann's death in 1815, perhaps about 1816 when his father became ill. In co-administering his father's estate, there were delays which were less than satisfactory to his sister Mary. She was perhaps also miffed by being overlooked by her father as an estate administrator and, on 8 January 1819,

she petitioned the court for James and Sarah to complete the estate settlement (unnumbered Middlesex Co. Probate record).

James died intestate on 31 December 1819, twenty-eight months after the death of his parents. Probate records indicate he last dwelt in Sudbury as a yeoman, confirming that the family had moved to Sudbury. His three minor children were appointed a legal guardian after his death. Their father left one-third of a pew and various acreages in Sudbury, one-twentieth of a farm in Sterling, and his property in Prospect. His wife Mary, her three children and a fourth child lived in Prospect in 1820. It is conjectured that this fourth child was Samuel Ford, born 23 June 1804. Samuel was probably a son from a previous marriage (Bible Records of Eusabiah B. Mosman, hereafter cited as EBM Bible Records; Middlesex Co. Probate 15597; 1820 US Census ME).

The cause of James' premature death in Sudbury has not been determined, although it occurred amidst considerable family pressures. Five years later, his wife Mary petitioned the Hancock County Probate of Wills to make an inventory ". . . of all the real estate, goods and chattels, rights and credits of said minors." These minors were their children, James W., Sarah Ann and Moses N., for whom Mary had previously been appointed guardian. Mary successfully petitioned the court to sell, for the benefit of her children, land in West Prospect owned by her late husband (Hancock Co. Probate 1222).

On 20 October 1834, James[6] W., then of majority, petitioned the Court in Massachusetts for guardianship of his sister Sarah Ann and Moses N., his brother, who were minors. Their uncle Thaddeus Garfield and their aunt Sarah Mosman were Trustees (Middlesex Co. Probate 15598).

In 1850, Mary and her daughter Sarah were living in Searsport. The value of Mary's real estate was $200. She sold that land to her daughter Sarah Ann for $134 on 3 May 1852. Mary died on 19 May 1852. Her three surviving children and Samuel Ford, all heirs to her estate, disposed of her Sudbury land on 2 November 1867. Samuel Ford died 25 October 1876 (1850 US Census ME; Waldo Co. Deeds 78:680; Eusabiah B. Mosman Bible Records hereafter cited as EBM Bible Records; Middlesex Co. Deeds 1045:12).

CHILDREN:

i. **JAMES[6] WILLARD**, b. Searsport, ME 7 November 1811; m. Elmira J. Colcord ca. 1835. Elmira was b. 30 May 1815 (from her g.s.), the dau. of James Colcord of Searsport, ME. Capt. Israel Haynes was James' guardian after the death of his f. He moved to Maine, prob. after 1843 when he sold the land his f. owned in Sterling and in Prospect, ME to his Aunt Sarah. He also sold land in Sudbury to Thaddeus Garfield. He and Elmira were enumerated in censuses at Searsport through 1860 where James W. was involved in a number of land transactions. Elmira d. there 14 June 1870. James W. m. (2) Mary (Connor) Mosman Salvage, his cousin David[6]'s first wife, after 1870. She was b. 1 December 1818, dau. of William and Margaret (Dunbar) Connor of Penobscot, ME. James W. d. testate 14 January 1890. Mary d. 29 September 1904 at Searsport, ME. Ch. 1. *Ellen A.* b. Searsport 29 Nov 1837; d. single Lewiston, ME 23 March 1906. 2. *Capt. Edgar Willard* b. 1 February 1841. He was a "joiner" and d. at sea, on passage from the West Indies, 23 June 1878. 3. *George B.* b. Searsport, ME 13 November 1850. He d. in ME 21 January 1882 (Middlesex Co. Probate 15598; Searsport V.R.; Middlesex Co. Deeds 513:323; Waldo Co. Deeds 104:126, 220:477, 73:216, 96:397, 268:214, 78:679 and 78:680; 1860 & 1880 US Census ME; Penobscot Marine Museum records; Waldo Co. Probate 6001; Marion[9] Mosman Genealogy; EBM Bible Records).

ii. **SAMUEL**, b. ca. 1812. Samuel prob. d. before 1820 for he is not one of Mary's minor children that year (Middlesex Co. Probate 15597).

iii. **MARY ANN**, b. 26 June 1813; d. 19 September 1815. She is bur. at Bowditch Cemetery (EBM Bible Records; Searsport V.R.).

iv. **SARAH ANN**, b. Searsport, ME 20 December 1815. Sarah was living with her brother James W. in Searsport in 1870 and at the Sing Keep House in Searsport in 1880. Sarah A. d. at Searsport, ME 9 May 1883 and is bur. in Bowditch Cemetery (EBM Bible Records; Searsport V.R.; 1870 US Census ME).

61. v. **MOSES NAHUM**, b. Sudbury 20 January 1820 (MeSA to 1955).

Moses N. Mosman

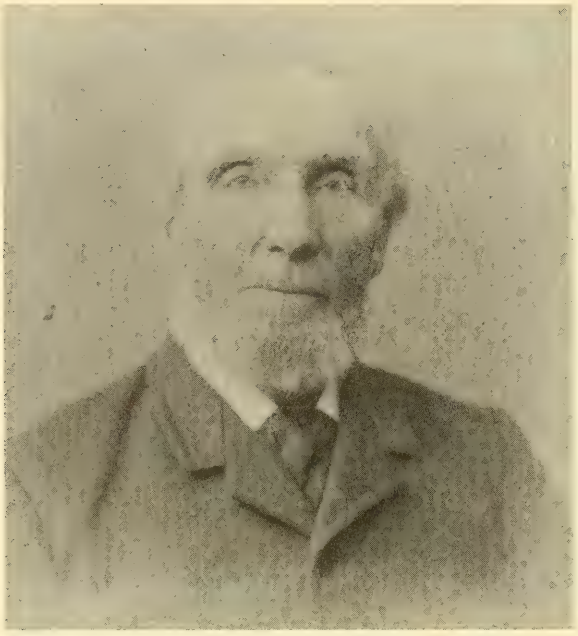
Mechanic, Carpenter, Yeoman

61. Moses[6] Nahum Mosman (James[5], Moses[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 29 January 1820 at Sudbury. He married Eusabiah Blanche Park of Searsport, Maine on 21 December 1843. Eusabiah was born at Searsport on 25 April 1823, the daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Nichols) Park. Samuel was born on 15 August 1778, and died on 9 December 1839. His wife Margaret was born 9 December 1784, and died on 10 October 1850 (1870 US Census ME; ME VRs; EBM Bible Records).

Moses N. worked with his hands for a living as a mechanic, a carpenter and a farmer. He and Eusabiah lived in Searsport for about sixteen years after their marriage, and like many of his relatives, he found investing in Maine property a profitable way to supplement his income (ME VRs 1892-1921, Waldo Co. Deeds 49:205, 49:500, 72:512, 101:536 and 121:260; 1840-1860 US Census ME).

On 22 March 1859, Moses N. "bargained and leased" to Margaret Park a ". . . gore of land and buildings thereon situated in Pros pect, Me. . . ." totaling fifty-three acres ". . . in consider ation of the love and goodwill I bear toward my mother-in-law." This sale perhaps involved a move to a new home, for the same day Moses N. paid $300 to Thomas Park for four+ acres of land in Seasrsport on the ". . . northerly line of the County Road" (Waldo Co. Deeds 50:350, 105:387).

Moses Nahum, Eusabiah, Almond, Lizzie and Children
Photo inscribed: "Taken May 6th 1889 at Frank-forte [sic]."



Moses Nahum Mosman

Moses N. and Eusabiah were living in Searsport in 1860 with their five oldest children. He was a carpenter, and the value of their real estate and personal property were $1,800 and $500, respectively. They sold the County Road property for that amount in 1863. The sharply inflated value was likely a function of wartime inflation and possibly the generosity of Thomas Park (1860 US Census ME Waldo Co. Deeds 121:61).

Moses N. had bought land with a house on it, situated in Isle Au Haut, Hancock Co. Maine in 1859. This purchase may have been made for investment purposes or for a summer home. In any event, it was sold for the same price in 1864 (Hancock Co. Deeds 108:531, 122:144).

In 1870, Moses and Eusabiah were living in Monroe, Maine, on land that they had purchased in March of 1863. Their children Almond, Willard, Melvin C. and Albert C. were still in the household. Their Monroe property and two lots in Frankfort, Maine had increased in value to $2,500, and their personal property to $500 (1870 US Census ME).

On 5 July 1890, Moses and his son Almond bought the land where they lived, and also two lots in Frankfort from Moses' son Albert and his son-in-law Fred Palmer, to whom Moses had conveyed the property by warranty deed four months earlier (Waldo Co. Deeds 247:149, 121:52).

On 2 March 1894, Moses sold one-half acre bordering Benjamin Park's land in Searsport for $85. This lot had previously been conveyed to Sarah Ann, his sister, by their mother Mary on 3 May 1852 (Waldo Co. Deeds 240:417, 78:680).

Moses N. died at Monroe on 25 November 1897. Eusabiah was living with her son Almond in 1900 in Monroe, where she died on 17 July 1903 (ME VRs 1892-1918; 1900 US Census ME).

CHILDREN:

i. **ARABELLA[7] J.**, b. Searsport, ME 2 May 1846; m. Fred L. Palmer 30 December 1866. Belle d. 9 September 1914 (EBM Bible Records).

ii. **SARAH ELIZABETH (Lizzie)**, b. Searsport, ME 16 February 1848; m. John McKenny 28 July 1868. John was b. ca. 1847, and d. 5 April 1885. Lizzie d. 12 June 1876 at Belfast, ME. Ch. (surname **McKenny**): 1. *Lizzie* b. 7 November 1869. She m. ___ Berry ca. 1889 and d. 13 January 1890 (*ibid.*; Lizzie Berry's Funeral Card).

iii. **ADA B.**, b. Searsport, ME 8 May 1850; d. 15 December 1853 (*ibid.*).

iv. **ALMOND P.**, b. Searsport, ME 21 March 1852; d. Monroe, ME 14 October 1910 (ME VRs).

v. **WILLARD NELSON**, b. ME 23 August 1854 (EBM Bible Records).

vi. **MELVIN C.**, b. Searsport, ME September 1856; m. (1) Florette G. Staples at Marblehead, 16 November 1860. Florette was b. Stockton, ME 2 August 1857, the dau. of Joseph and Mary J. (Shirley) Staples. Florette d. during childbirth 26 August 1881. Melvin m. (2) Elizabeth S. Brown 7 November 1882. She was b. at Marblehead May

1861, the dau. of John and Mary Ann (Dexter) Brown. Melvin d. 30 November 1922 of coronary angina at Marblehead. Ch. 1. (male) stillb. 26 August 1881. 2. *Florette G.* b. at Marblehead 11 December 1884. 3. *Etta Brown* b. Marblehead 19 October 1889; m. Edward A. Haines, at Marblehead 13 June 1913. Edward A. was the s. of Robert K. and Hannah E. (Trefy) Haines. 4. *Lizzie P.*, b. at Marblehead 14 April 1893. She d. of pneumonia 24 December 1893 (MaSA 316:274, 328:155, 334: 315, 349:309, 394:348, 436:514; 1900 US Census MA; Marblehead V.R., 330; MaBVS 48:206 and 618:610).

vii. CHARLES H., b. Monroe, ME 23 August 1862; d. 19 November 1863 (EBM Bible Records).

vii. ALBERT C., b. Monroe, ME 2 December 1864 (MeSA).

Chapter 12

Matthias Mosman

Land Surveyor, Mapmaker and Assessor

12. Matthias[4] Mosman (James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 17 March 1748/9 in Sudbury. He married Sarah Haynes of Sudbury on 7 November 1773. Sarah was born about 1754, judging from the birth of her oldest child. She was the daughter of Aaron and Rebecca Haynes of Sudbury (Sudbury V.R., 99 and 240).

At the age of twenty-two, Matthias had no property or farm animals, and it seems reasonable to assume that this early part of his life was spent in study for what was later to become his profession (1771 MassTax).

At the outbreak of hostilities with the British on 19 April 1775, he became a Private in Capt. Cyprian How's company, and by the first of August he was an Ensign in Capt. Aaron Haynes's company, Col. Jonathan Brewer's regiment. He became a 2nd Lieutenant in the same company and regiment, according to a company return dated 6 October 1775 at Prospect Hill. Matthias was later a Lieutenant, in Capt. Jacob Haskins's company, Col. John Jacobs's regiment. He probably reenlisted on 1 July 1778, joining the company on 10 October and serving for six months and 4 days. He apparently enlisted again, serving until 1 January 1779 (MSSWR, 11:162-163).

Matthais made his home in East Sudbury after the war. He bought four lots there for £250 on 27 April 1787. He was identified as a gentleman of East Sudbury when he sold these four lots for £200 on 28 April 1789. His professional reputation probably led to his appointment by the Court of Common Pleas on 20 June 1789 to administer the estate of Joseph Sharman (Middlesex Co. Deeds 97:404, 101:456, 105:18, 137:159 and 216:144).

The 1790 census indicates that Matthias and Sarah and their eight children were still residents of East Sudbury. That year he and Sarah quitclaimed their rights to the estate of her father Aaron Haynes for the modest sum of £5. In a significant decision

for the family, he purchased sixty-eight acres of land containing buildings in southwest Ashburnham for £26 on 30 July 1790. This purchase was likely due to the anticipation of new surveying con tracts in the Ashburnham area (Middlesex Co. Deeds 103:95; Worcester Co. Deeds 117:92).

Sarah's pregnancy and Sally's birth in the Spring of 1791 followed by her death probably made it easy to leave the lingering grief of their son Tyler's recent death and this new family tragedy. Matthias and his family moved to Ashburnham after 1791 where, on 18 January 1793, he sold a building and seventy acres of his land for £185. This was mostly the same land purchased in 1790 for £26. Sarah signed this deed, relinquishing her right of dower, and their son Mark was a witness. Matthias bought the sixty-eight acres back on 13 November 1794 for £122. (Albert G. Wheeler, *History of the Wheeler Family in America* [Boston, 1914], 360; Worcester Co. Deeds 117:257, 124:20 and 125:484).

Matthias's residence in Ashburnham was not a deterence to obtaining Middlesex County contracts, for he was selected to make a map of the town of Sudbury in accordance with a vote of the General Court in 1794. This map, a copy of which is in the State Archives (Vol.2: 7), bears the date 17 April 1795. [See Appendix 3.] Another contract with Caleb Wilder, Jr. produced a map of the town of Lancaster which was completed 29 May 1795 (Abijah P. Marvin, *History of the Town of Lancaster Massachusetts: From the First Settlement to the Present Time 1643-1879* [Lancaster, 1879], 366-367).

Matthias was chosen ". . . an Ashburnham assessor in 1795 and succeeding years . . ." and ". . . repeated mention of his name in the records supports the voice of tradition that he was an educated capable man and that his services were held in high esteem." He was enumerated in Middlesex Co. in 1800 and in Ashby in 1810, perhaps while on a surveying project (Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 232; 1800 & 1810 US Census MA).

The family moved to Westminster sometime before 1797 when Leonard was born. They lived first on the Tottingham place, Whitman River Valley, and then at the Lynde place on Bragg Hill. While there he was employed to resurvey and establish bounds to all the roads of the town—a commission the duties of which he

". . . discharged with singular care, fidelity, and dispatch, as the records testify." (Heywood, *Westminster*, 802).

Sarah died in Westminster on 29 September 1808 two months after Leonard's death. It seems likely that Sarah's death, probably about age fifty-four, was due to disease, perhaps the same one that caused Leonard's death. Interesting to note are the ages at time of death of her daughters: Bettey and Rebeccah age eighty-one, Diadamia ninety-two and Lucinda eighty.

Following Sarah's death, Matthias moved back to Ashburnham where, in October 1818, he was a surety in the probate of his brother Moses's will. A year later, Matthias died intestate in Ashburnham on the 8th of November 1819. Hayman Wheeler Esq., his son-in-law, was appointed to administer the estate at the request of his son John Mosman. Matthias's inventory of personal goods was appraised by the court at $171.31 and his debts were determined to be $231.07 plus $51.17 interest. His son John and his daughter Beulah had claims against the estate of $166.48 plus interest of $31.83. As a result, the estate was declared insolvent on 18 May 1820 after the inventory was sold at public auction (Heywood, *Westminster*, 833; Middlesex Co. Probate 15599; Ashburnham V.R., 197; Worcester Co. Probate 42189).

The estate inventory contained farm animals, e.g., horses, cows, sheep and swine, fodder and farm implements. His surveying instruments were sold at auction for $15, confirming his occupation as a land surveyor. The auctioned items included twenty-three books, eleven manuscripts, a copy of Morse's Geography, probably Morse's *Geography Made Easy* (1784) a widely circulated early school book, and Bailey's Dictionary. Heywood wrote that he "thought and wrote much upon ". . . theological subjects. . . ." and was a profoundly religious man. Many of his papers contained ". . . peculiar views and theories . . ." His eleven manuscripts were purchased at auction by Joel Foster. Matthias was a man of ". . . superior natural ability, improved by culture and experience." (Heywood, *Westminster*, 802; Worcester Co. Probate 42189).

CHILDREN:

i. **MICAH**[5], b. Marlboro, MA 8 July 1774; d. 17 September 1775 (Marlboro V.R., 135; Heywood, *Westminster*, 802).

28. ii. **MARK**, b. MA 3 September 1775 (Sudbury V.R., 99).

iii. **BETTEY**, b. Sudbury 6 June 1777; m. Hayman Wheeler, Esq. of Westminster 29 June 1813. Hayman was b. at Sudbury 6 April 1766, the s. of Asahel and Thankful (Goodnow) Wheeler. They owed land in Gardner. Hayman d. in May 1821; Bettey d. 12 May 1859. Ch. (surname **Wheeler**): 1. *Asahel* b. 27 February 1814. 2. *Anna* b. 6 July 1816; d. at Ashburnham 25 May 1876. (Sudbury V.R., 98; Ashburnham V.R., 140; Wheeler, *Wheeler Family*, 360; Westminster V.R., 93 and 252).

iv. **BEULAH**, b. Sudbury 13 October 1779; m. Thomas Carr. She d. 21 July 1824, "Killed at Fitchburg by falling from a waggon" (Sudbury V.R., 98; Ashburnham V.R., 197).

v. **REBECCAH**, b. Sudbury 20 April 1782; m. (1) Levi Wilson of Petersham 25 March 1805; m. (2) Walter Gilbert. They lived in Brookfield. She d. 5 March 1864. Ch. (surname **Gilbert**): 1. *Mary Mosman* (Sudbury V.R., 99; Ashburnham V.R., 140; Brookfield V.R., 97; Heywood, *Westminster*, 802).

29. vi. **JOHN**, b. Sudbury 26 October 1784 (Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 834).

vii. **DIADAMIA**, b. Wayland 11 April 1787; m. Silas Ward of Westminster on 27 April 1815; int. 30 March 1815. She d. 7 November 1879. Ch. (surname **Ward**): 1. *Sussannah Farmer* b. at Westminster 13 October 1817; d. 21 November 1856. 2. *Horace* b. 24 October 1824; d. 5 November 1849. 3. *Sarah F.* b. at Ashburnham 5 December 1831 (Wayland V.R., 31; Ashburnham V.R.,

80 and 140; W. Ward, *Ward Family* [Boston, 1851], 194; Heywood, *Westminster*, 802; Westminster V.R., 291).

viii. TYLER, b. Sudbury 8 April 1790 and d. 22 April 1790 (Heywood, *Westminster*, 802).

ix. SALLY, b. Wayland 13 April 1791; d. 18 July 1807 (Wayland V.R., 31; Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 834).

x. LUCINDA, b. 13 September 1794 at Ashburnham; m. John Boynton of Fitchburg 26 September 1840. Lucinda, a singlewoman of Ashburnham, paid $200 for six acres there 22 March 1837. She d. 27 March 1875 (Heywood, *Westminster*, 802; Worcester Co. Deeds 322:549; Fitchburg Recs., 3:191).

xi. LEONARD, b. Westminster 12 March 1797; d. at Westminster 26 July 1808 (Heywood, *Westminster*, 802).

xii. ELIAS, b. Westminster (*ibid.*); prob. d.y. No further record.

Mark Mosman

Yeoman

28. Mark[5] **Mosman** (Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 3 September 1775. He married Lois Gibson at Fitchburg on 18 October 1798. Lois was born on 22 May 1778, the daughter of Reuben and Bettey Gibson (Sudbury V.R., 99; Ashburnham V.R., 140; DAR 391423; Virkus, *Compendium*, 8:762-763).

Mark spent his early years in East Sudbury with his parents, and moved to Ashburnham as a young man. He was a resident there on 5 September 1796 when he purchased fifty-seven acres of land in Petersham in Worcester County from his grandfather James. The Petersham land was part of the grant to the heirs of Samuel[3], son of Mark's great grandfather.

Mark and Lois made their home on land partially in Petersham but mostly in Dana. They lived there in 1800, but in a major move on 27 May 1805, they sold their Dana property of fifty-seven acres in preparation for relocating their family to Vermont. (Worcester Co. Deeds 157:544, 159:545; 1800 US Census MA.). [About 125 years later, the town of Dana was inundated with the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir, and no longer exists.]

Mark was not the son of Joshua, nor was he a veteran of the War of 1812 as indicated by Whitcomb and Mayo. There is no pension or or military file for him in Washington (Whitcomb and Mayo, *Bolton Soldiers and Sailors*, 54; Nat'l Arch's).

Mark and Lois moved to Leicester and then to Salisbury, Addison County, Vermont where they lived for the rest of their lives. In 1830 their household included two females born between 1800 and 1810, (probably Betsey and Jerusha), one female born between 1810 and 1815, one male born between 1800 and 1810 (perhaps Alva) and two males born between 1815 and 1820, probably William M. and Henry N. Their oldest sons Reuben and Francis had, no doubt, left to start families of their own (1820 & 1830 US Census VT).

By 1840 Mark's family had dwindled from eight children to five. These seem to be their sons Alva and Henry, the unidentified female, and two "males" under five. By 1850 these two "males" appear to be grandchildren Francis and Lois Alexander, joined by their brother Lucius Alexander, ages thirteen, ten and eight, respectively. Alva was also still a part of this household (*ibid.*, 1840 & 1850).

Two years later, on 29 January 1852, Lois died at West Salisbury, and she is buried in Salisbury. Mark died at Salisbury on 29 May 1858, and is buried beside his wife (VT V.R.).

CHILDREN:

i. **BETSEY**[6], (conjectural), b. Dana 1800-1810; m. Ira Estey 24 August 1820 at Leicester, VT. (1830 US Census VT; VT V.R.).

ii. **JERUSHA** (conjectural), b. Dana 1800-1810. She m. Francis Dean before 1832 (1830 US Census VT; Worcester Co. Deeds 292:513-114).

62. iii. **REUBEN GIBSON**, b. Dana 23 April 1803 (VT V.R.).

63. iv. **FRANCIS LYMAN**, b. Dana 4 March 1805 (DAR 391423).

64. v. **ALVA**, b. Leicester ca. 1808.

65. vi. **HENRY N.**, b. ca. 1812 (Virkus) but ca. 1816 (1860 US Census WI).

vii. **(female)** b. 1810-1815; m. _____ Alexander (conjectural). This dau.'s birth and death records have not been found, although it is likely she died after 1842, the year her youngest child was b. (1830 US Census VT).

viii. **WILLIAM M.**, b. ca. 1817; d. 22 September 1837 Salisbury (VT V.R.).

Reuben Gibson Mosman

Farmer

62. Reuben[6] Gibson Mosman (Mark[5], Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born in Dana, Massachusetts on 23 April 1803. He married Ruth Sarah Sears about 1831. Sarah was born in Canada, and was the daughter of David Sears (1850 US Census OH; VT V.R.).

Reuben moved as a boy of five to Vermont with his parents where they settled in the town of Salisbury. He was living in Burlington, Vermont in 1834 where he was one of the signers of a petition to the Vermont State Legislature requesting the establishment of a bank there. That same year he was also one of several Burlington residents who signed a petition to abolish imprisonment for debt (MsVtSP 64:19, 10 October 1834 and 64:41, 10 October 1834).

The lure of opportunities that lay in the West enticed Reuben and Ruth to move to Granger, Medina County, Ohio. This major decision for him and his family occurred sometime after Carlos's birth in 1836 but before Columbia's birth in 1847. The 1830s was the first decade of the railroad era in America. The railroads in 1835 extended from Boston only to Lowell, Worcester and Providence, but by 1840 there were 2,800 miles of track in the East, extending to Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. It was not until 1852 that the first locomotive was found west of the Mississippi, and 1869 before East and West were connected by rail in Utah. Thus, Reuben and his family probably traveled by covered wagon if the year were 1836, but perhaps partly via the expanding railroad system if they left only a few years later.

The 1850 Ohio census shows the family in Granger where Reuben farmed as he had done in Vermont. Only their two sons Carlos and Henry were in the household that year. It is likely that life in Ohio was not what they anticipated, for they moved back to Vermont sometime after 1850. The return trip was probably made at least partly via the railroad, and their move was part of a new period of travel. The railroads affected not only migratory patterns but they were also the forerunner of the great American Industrial Revolution (1850 US Census OH; VT V.R.).

Reuben's new home was again in Salisbury, Addison County, Vermont where he was located in 1870 with an extended family that included his son Henry, Henry's wife Jane, and their son. Reuben's real estate was valued at $6,000 and his personal property $900 (1870 US Census VT).

Ruth died at Leicester, Vermont, on 22 June 1887 of a tumor, and Reuben also died there on 23 February 1889 at the age of eighty-five (VT V.R.).

CHILDREN:

i. **ROSELLE**[7], b. VT ca. 1833; prob. d.y. (not enumerated OH 1850).

ii. **ELIZABETH**, b. VT ca. 1835; prob. d.y. (*ibid.*).

iii. **CARLOS C.**, b. VT ca. 1836 (1850 US Census OH).

iv. COLUMBIA, b. Granger, OH ca. 1846; (*ibid.*).

v. HENRY PAIGE, b. Granger, OH ca. 1847 (*ibid.*).

Francis Lyman Mosman

Yeoman

63. Francis[6] **Lyman Mosman** (Mark[5], Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born in Dana, Massachusetts on 4 March 1805. His marriage to Rebecca Jones occurred on 25 March 1836. Rebecca was born on 16 September 1813 (DAR 391423).

As a young boy, Francis moved to Salisbury, Vermont with his parents, probably ca. 1808. It is likely that he was a resident there until he moved to Bolton about 1832. On 2 April 1833, he bought land and a tenement in Leominster for $600. This property was put into trust for Jerusha Dean, probably his older sister, and after her death it was to go to her son Perry Dean.

On 21 March 1834 Francis quitclaimed to Francis Dean for $100, forty acres of land that had been in trust for Jerusha. That same day he paid the trustee, Francis Dean, $100 for the forty acres and transferred it by warranty deed to Jerusha for $800. He then bought, on 5 April 1834 by warranty deed, fifty-one acres in northwest Fitchburg for $700. These two mortgages, being the same amount, were exchanged. In effect, then, Jerusha paid for the fifty-one acres, but she was freed from the obligation to Francis. In the last deed, Francis indicated that one purpose of the exchange was that ". . . I am desirous of leaving this part of the Country . . ." (Worcester Co. Deeds 290:312, 292:513-14, 292:310-12; 299:254 and 303:537-38).

Francis L. moved to Lockport, Niagara County, New York before 1840 and perhaps as early as 1835. His family in 1840 included his wife and one male born between 1800 and 1820, possibly his youngest brother William (1840 US Census NY).

Before his son William's birth in 1841, Francis L. had moved to Wisconsin. The details of the next forty-three years is uncertain,

but Francis died in Wisconsin on 23 September 1884, and Rebecca died there on 16 November 1895 (DAR 391423).

CHILDREN:

i. **(female)**[7] b. prob. in NY state 1835-1840; prob. d.y. since not enumerated in 1840 (1840 US Census NY).

ii. **(male)** b. prob. NY 1835-1840; prob. d.y. since not enumerated in 1840 (*ibid.*).

iii. **WILLIAM WESLEY**, b. 24 April 1841 at Waterford, WI; m. Anna Martha Bardwell 12 January 1880. Anna was b. St. Charles, MO, 17 July 1858. William W. d. Oshkosh, Winebago Co. WI, 7 January 1924. Anna d. Oshkosh 25 December 1937. Ch: 1. *Mable R.* b. WI January 1882. 2. *Mildred R.* b. Oshkosh, WI 5 January 1885; m. Harvey Dalton 28 October 1908 at Oshkosh. Harvey was b. 29 January 1883. Ch. (surname **Dalton**): i. Bonnie Bell b. ca. 1908 (DAR 424348 and 391423; 1900 US Census WI; Wisconsin Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Death Certificates).

Alva Mosman

Shoemaker

64. Alva[6] **Mosman** (Mark[5], Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Leicester, Vermont ca. 1808. He married Alexandra _____ ca. 1834.

Little is known about Alva, but the census indicated that he lived in Salisbury, Vermont with his parents in 1850. His occupation was that of shoemaker. By 1870 his residence was still in Salisbury, and he had property valued at $100. Both of his children, Franklin a farm laborer and Jenny C., lived with him (1850 & 1870 US Census VT).

The life and fate of their son Franklin was likely a source of considerable concern to Alva. His son's life will be covered in Volume 2.

Alva died at Salisbury on 14 July 1875 of a fever sore (VT VRs).

CHILDREN:

i. **JENNY[7] CHARLOTTE**, b. VT ca. 1835 (1870 US Census VT).

ii. **FRANKLIN E.**, b. VT ca. 1837 (*ibid.*, 1860).

Henry N. Mossman

Lumberman

65. Henry[6] N. Mossman (Mark[5], Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born Salisbury, Vermont ca. 1816. He married Darexa Ellis of Cornwall, Vermont, probably about 1849. Darexa was born in Vermont ca. 1830 (1830 US Census VT and 1850-1860 WI; Virkus, *Compendium*, 8:762-763).

As were his brothers Reuben and Francis, Henry, and his wife were caught up in the excitement of moving west, and they first lived in Wisconsin. They were enumerated in the 1850 census in Matanitowoc Rapids, Manitowoc County, which was their home until 1860 or later. That year their real estate was worth $2,000 and their personal property was valued at $150. Their four children lived with them (1850 & 1860 US Census WI).

Henry N. and Darexa moved to West Aubrey, Kansas after 1860 where they died, Henry about 1879 and Darexa a year later (Virkus, *Compendium*, 8:762-763).

CHILDREN:

i. **CHARLES[7] HENRY**, (Harry) b. WI ca. 1850 (1860 US Census WI).

ii. **EUGENE**, b. WI ca. 1854 (*ibid.*).

iii. **ALACE**, b. WI ca. 1857 (*ibid.*).

iv. FLOYD, b. WI ca. 1858 (*ibid.*).

John Mosman

Yeoman and Chair Manufacturer

29. John[5] Mosman (Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 26 October 1784 probably in Sudbury. He married Copiah Ward on 8 May 1810. Copiah was born on 24 May 1789, the daughter of John and Copiah (Rice) Ward. John Ward was born in Westminster on 10 June 1746 and his wife was born in Westboro on 17 August 1747 (Westminster V.R., 170; Stearns *Ashburnham*, 834; Ward, *Ward Fam.*, 194; some data furn. courtesy of Alison Franks, Archivist, Rawson Family Association).

John and Copiah settled in Westminster in or near Scrabble Hollow. On 9 March 1814, the heirs of John Ward's estate quitclaimed twenty acres in Westminster to John and Copiah Mosman. Five years later they purchased a one-third interest in nineteen Westminster acres which they sold on 30 December 1822. John bought eighteen acres in Westminster by waranty deed on 17 July 1820 with the mortgage satisfied on 29 March 1822 (Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 834; Heywood; *Westminster*, 803; Worcester Co. Deeds 195:86-87, 221:442, 221:434-35, 231:111 and 231:112)

John perhaps did not have his father's religious inclination, for Matthias' library and manuscripts were sold to others at his estate auction. He did purchase two powder horns and shot, two shaves (shafts) and two axes. Apparently John was more skilled with his hands. He worked, for example, at chair making part of the time in company with Walter V. Carr (Worcester Co. Probate 42189; Heywood, *Westminster*, 803).

John and his family may have lived for a time in Ashburnham, for they were residents there on 29 September 1827 when they quitclaimed their rights to Westminster land owned by Copiah's widowed mother. John's brother-in-law Hayman Wheeler was an abuttor to this land (Worcester Co. Deeds 258:298-99).

A deed where he paid $92.50 for a four-acre orchard in Westminster confirms Westminster as the family's residence on 28 March 1828. In 1830 the family was still in Westminster with two females, probably Lucinda and Dolly, and one male likely Aaron (Worcester Co. Deeds 302:496; 1830 US Census MA).

John died intestate at Westmimster on 11 June 1841. The cause of death was cancer. Following his death, his widow moved to Charlestown to the home of her son John Ward where she died of a liver complaint on 26 May 1852. Copiah is buried at Ashburnham (MaSA 1:150; Ashburnham V.R., 197; her g.s.; MaSA 67:75).

CHILDREN:

66. **i. LEONARD**[6], b. Westminster 14 September 1810 (Westminster V.R., 67).

67. **ii. AARON**, b. Westminster 21 November 1811 (Westminster V.R., 66).

68. **iii. JOHN WARD**, b. 26 September 1813 at Westminster (Westminster V.R., 67).

iv. LUCINDA, b. Westminster 8 March 1816; m. Joseph Woodward 15 November 1838. Lucinda d. 10 May 1842. Ch. (surname **Woodward**): 1. *John* b. 1 May 1840 (Westminster V.R., 67, 105, 207 and 258; Heywood, *Westminster*, 803).

v. DOROTHY (Dolly), b. Westminster 29 September 1822; m. Jonathan Fairbank Hapgood of Ashburnham 9 April 1843. Jonathan was b. Harvard, MA 15 January 1814, the s. of Joel and Sally (Fairbank) Hapgood. Ch. (surname **Hapgood**); 1. *Alfred W.* b. 17 November 1841 at Westminster likely a s. by Jonathan's first w. Susan Weatherbee. 2. *Hiram Fairbank* b. Harvard 31 January 1848 (Heywood, *Westminster*, 803; Ashburnham V.R., 140; Harvard V.R.).

Leonard Mosman

Farmer, Stonecutter

66. Leonard[6] Mosman (John[5], Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Westminster on 14 September 1810. He married Clarinda Richardson of Lancaster on 30 November 1843, with Rev. B. Whittemore of the Universalist Society of Lancaster officiating. Clarinda was christened on 14 July 1819, the daughter of Leonard and Betsey Richardson of Brookline, New Hampshire (Westminster V.R., 67; Lancaster V.R., 4:253; MaSA 149:197).

Leonard's early life is revealed somewhat by two land purchases. He and his brother Aaron bought a twenty-acre tract of land in Westminster on 18 April 1833. This property, part of the Wheeler Farm, was sold to John Ward Mosman on 7 November 1834 for what they had paid for it. On the first of April 1834, he bought the nineteen-acre farm in Westminster on which his father lived. No record has been found regarding the disposition of this farm (Worcester Co. Deeds 287:374-45, 291:648 and 301:607-08).

Leonard and his family lived for many years in Ashburnham where he was a laborer working at stonecutting. This occupation apparently paid him little, for in 1860 the family lived in Ashburnham on the farm of Biam Burr where he likely was a renter. Leonard had no land of his own and a modest $200 in personal property (1860 US Census MA; Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 834; MaSA 36:282 and 303:403).

Clarinda died at Ashburnham on 7 June 1861 of a "disease of the heart." She was about forty-one. A little over a year later Leonard married (2) Lucy P. Smith on the 13th of November 1862. Lucy was the daughter of Joshua, Jr. and Eunice Smith. Lucy died on 6 December 1873 (Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 834; MaSA 149:197, 258:285).

Leonard took the widow Lucy P. (Ware) Gates of Westminster as his third wife sometime after 1862. Lucy Ware was born about 1810, the daughter of Lewis and Matilda Ware. Leonard died at Westminster on 30 September 1878 of cancer of the bladder. Lucy also died there, testate, on 18 October 1883 of apoplexy at

Westminster. She left her entire estate to her brother Stephen V. Ware, but nothing to her brothers Samuel M. and Louis Ware (MaSA 303:403, 348:483; Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 834; Worcester Co. Probate 2646).

CHILDREN:

i. **HOLLIS**[7], b. Ashburnham 15 October 1849; m. at Ashby Jennie L. Clark of Ashburnham 14 October 1882. Jennie was b. October 1859, the dau. of Luther G. and Mary C. Clark. Hollis was a mechanic and was involved in chairmaking. The family lived at 31 Franklin Street in Leominster, MA, where he was a laundry truck driver for twenty-five years. Jennie L. d. Leominster 5 January 1919 of influenza. She is bur. at Ashburnham. Hollis d. Leominster 10 February 1931 of uremia. Ch. 1. *Edna J.* b. 10 October 1885. (MaSA 36:282, 336:254, 47:469, 335:46, 360: 275; 1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 47:469, 60:113).

Aaron Mosman

Clicker, Shoemaker

67. Aaron[6] **Mosman** (John[5], Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Westminster on 21 November 1811. He married Martha C. Ball of Princeton on 25 November 1847. Martha was born about 1822, the daughter of Amos and Betsey (Stratton) Ball (Westminster V.R., 66; Princeton V.R., 120; 1870 US Census MA; MaSA 31:235).

Aaron and his brother Leonard bought and sold land, pasture and mowing, in Westminster in 1833 and 1834. This land was sold to their brother John. No further purchases of land have been found for Aaron. The family probably rented in Lancaster before 1856 where their two youngest children were born (Worcester Co. Deeds 291:68 and 301:607-08).

Aaron moved his family to Worcester where he worked as a clicker stamping out leather parts for shoes and boots. The pay was likely to have been good stimulated by wartime demand. He and Martha lived in Worcester in 1850 with Lauretta. They apparently spent a few years in Lancaster where their two youngest children were born, but the 1870 census locates the family in Worcester again that year. They owned no land, but they did have personal property valued at $1,200. Four of their children were in the household in 1870 (MaSA 36:366; 1850 & 1870 US Census MA).

Aaron died of heart disease in Worcester on 28 November 1878. He left no will, but he did leave a personal estate of $1,339.32 consisting of $1,130 in bank accounts and the balance in household furniture. There were no debts against the estate (MaSA 303:425; Worcester Co. Probate 42183).

Martha B. died intestate at Worcester 10 May 1898 of chronic rheumatism, and her daughter Laurietta was Executrix of her estate. Martha left $1,500 in her personal estate which, after the expenses of the estate were paid, left $1,200 which went equally to her three children: George W., Frank P., and Laurietta M. Wright. Martha is bur. at Princeton (MaBVS 483:854; Worcester Co. Probate 22850).

CHILDREN:

i. **GEORGE[7] WALTER**, b. January 1845. He was living alone in Westminster in 1900 and d. intestate there 11 January 1931. He left an estate amounting to $662.86 in personal effects made up of $500 left to him by his sister Lauretta, plus interest. He left no real estate. The entire $662.86 was used to settle the estate. Both heirs, Henrietta Ball, his niece, and his cousin Hollis[7] Mossman d. after George's death. George is bur. in Hope Cemetery at Worcester (1900 US Census MA; Worcester Co. Probate 102889; MaBVS 87:271).

ii. **LAURETTA E.**, b. 25 August 1848; m. Jacob D. Wright, machinist of Worcester, on 24 December 1868. Jacob was b. MA ca. 1849, the s. of George

and Hannah (Smith) Wright (Princeton V.R., 51; MaSA 210:332).

iii. **CLARA L.**, b. 6 July 1853; d. unm. Worcester 6 December 1880 of tubercular pneumonia (1870 US Census MA; MaSA 321:484).

iv. **FRANKLIN P.**, b. Lancaster 29 March 1856. He was declared insane and was under the guardianship of his bro. George W. Franklin d. intestate 7 August 1905 at the Worcester Insane Asylum of epileptic convulsions. He is bur. at Princeton (MaSA 107:210; Worcester Co. Probate 22849 and 43188; MaBVS 100:128).

v. **LAURIETTA M.**, b. Lancaster 23 March 1860; prob. d.y. since not enumerated in the 1870 census (MaSA 36:366; 1870 US Census MA).

John Ward Mosman

Teamster and Farmer

68. John[6] Ward Mosman (John[5], Matthias[4], James[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 26 September 1813. Westminster vital records indicate that he was born in Ashburnham, although Westminster is more likely to have been his birthplace. He married Mary Elizabeth Libby of Whitefield, Maine about 1840. Mary was born ca. 1822 (record courtesy Alison Frank, Rawson Family Archivist), the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Moody) Libby (Westminster V.R., 67; Chase, *Mosman Gen.*).

John was a working man who raised a large family, but nevertheless accumulated an estate of modest proportion. He was unpretentious and had a strong concern for others. He was a Lieutenant in 1838 in the Ashburnham Light Infantry, a militia with compulsory service created by the General Court. He was a Captain in 1841 in this militia, which was later abolished (Stearns, *Ashburnham*, 432).

The Boston area probably offered a more lucrative place to live, and thus John and Mary moved to Charlestown probably after 1843 and before 1846, remaining there for over twenty-five years. The censuses of 1860 and 1870 confirm that Charlestown was their home those years. Five of their seven children were born there, and his mother-in-law Copia lived with them in Charlestown for over ten years until until her death in 1852 (1860 US Census MA).

John Ward was a teamster some, if not all, of the time that the family lived in Charlestown. The years of the Civil War were probably good years with unlimited work at his occupation. He did not serve in the military during the war, and thus was able to accumulate some money with which he bought property. He bought land and buildings on 31 March 1866 and land on Richmond Street in Charlestown on 20 October 1869. He sold some of the property on 14 August 1867 (Lucinda's birth certificate, Boston V.R., No. 77; MaSA 124:81; Middlesex Co. Deeds 1051:264, 941:298 and 1001:471).

In 1870, the family included Mary, Dora, Wilbur, Lucinda, and Lucinda's husband Joseph. The post-war years probably included less opportunity for work, and living was expensive due to inflated prices. Their personal property was valued at $1,000 and their real estate at $4,000. An opportunity to dispose of his property arose, and he sold it on 12 April 1871. Perhaps due to the allure of a better life, or perhaps missing the rural atmosphere, that year John Ward took his family to Lunenburg and became a farmer (1870 US Census MA; Middlesex Co. Deeds 1157:281).

It may also have been that failing health prompted their move from Charlestown, for on 18 April 1871 he wrote his will. In it he stipulated that he be "buried without any show or ostentation but in a manner respectful to my neighbors whose kindness has contributed so much to the happiness of me and mine." (Lunenburg V.R., 3:43; Worcester Co. Probate 42373 and 4001).

John Ward lived fourteen years after writing his will, dying testate at Lunenburg on 8 January 1885 of stomach cancer. He was buried at Ashburnham and Mary E. was appointed Executrix of his estate. He left a personal estate valued at $4,922.75 with debts of $267.29. He left $5 each to his then surviving children: Lucinda

W. Parker, Charles Franklin, Mary E. Peabody, Medora J. Merrill and John Wilbur Mosman, and the balance to his "beloved wife." An expense in settling the estate was a plaque attached to his gravestone (his death Cert.; Worcester Co. Probate 4001).

Mary E. died intestate on 21 December 1897 at Leominster of an intestinal obstuction. Her son John Wilbur was the Administrator of her estate which was valued at $6,320.41. After payment of expenses, the five heirs, Lucinda, Charles F., Mary E., Medora J., and John Wilbur, each received $814 (MaBVS 474:657; Worcester Co. Probate 22175).

CHILDREN:

i. **LUCINDA**[7], b. 13 November 1843 at Hubbardston; m. Joseph Parker, a blacksmith, at Charlestown on 23 December 1869. Joseph was b. at Mt. Desert, ME, the s. of Joseph G. and Mary T. Parker. Lucinda was a seamstress and lived in Charlestown in 1898 (Boston V.R., 77; MaSA 218:159; Worcester Co. Probate 22175).

ii. **CHARLES FRANKLIN**, b. 30 October 1846 at Charlestown (Boston V.R., No. 78).

iii. **MARY ELIZABETH**, b. 4 July 1849 at Charlestown; m. 16 June 1875 at Lunenburg, William S. Peabody, a farmer. William was b. ca. 1837, the s. of Joseph and Mary Peabody. They lived in Lunenburg in 1898. Mary E. d. after 1898 (MaSA 35:193 and 273:254; Worcester Co. Probate 22175).

iv. **MEDORA EUGENIA**, b. 13 August 1853 at Charlestown; m. Horatio Merrill 16 May 1875. Horatio was a glazier of Lunenburg, b. Stoneham, MA ca. 1854, the s. of George H. and Rachel Merrill. Horatio and Medora res. Leominster in 1898 (MaSA 73:67 and 273:254; Worcester Co. Probate 22175).

v. **HANNA ETTA**, b. 22 April 1856 Charlestown. She d. at Charlestown 8 April 1857 of cholera morbus (MaSA 97:116 and 112:83).

vi. **EMMA G.**, b. 22 April 1859 Charlestown. She d. at Charlestown 25 May 1860 of canker (MaSA 124:81 and 139:69).

vii. **JOHN WILBUR**, b. Charlestown 9 March 1861 (*ibid.*, 142:144).

Chapter 13

Jesse Mosman

Miller

13. Jesse[4] Mosman (George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 8 September 1754. He married, on 31 March 1784, Anna Maynard who was born on 8 May 1760 (Sudbury V.R., 99; DAR Index to the Rolls of Honor 76:44, hereafter cited as DAR Rolls).

At the begining of the Revolutionary War, Jesse was nineteen years of age, but he enlisted on the third of May 1775, serving initial ly as a Private in Capt. Moore's company of Col. Nixon's regiment for three months and six days. Jesse apparently reenlisted on 4 February 1776, and was a member of Capt. Asahel Wheeler's Compa ny in Col. John Robinson's regiment, but was mustered out on 1 March after twenty-six days. He was again in the Continental Army in Capt. Wheeler's company of Col. Ezekiel How's 4th Middlesex company. Jesse then probably enlisted for a term of three years in Capt. Holden's company of Col. Nixon's regiment. He be came a Corporal in Capt. Matthew Chambers's company of Col. Thomas Nixon's 6th regiment with service from 1 January 1780 to 2 March 1780 when he was discharged. His service included time spent at Bunker Hill in 1775 and at Ticonderoga in 1776. An order by the paymaster dated 29 March 1784 at Sudbury and signed by Jesse was for clothing and rations due for three years' service in Capt. Holden's company of Col. Nixon's regt. (MSSRW, 11:163; Nat'l Arch's; Hudson, *Sudbury*, 396).

After the war, Jesse and Anna lived in Gardner where Daniel was born. The family became residents of Templeton, Massachusetts sometime before March 1788 when Anna delivered twins. Sometime after 1788, the family moved to Guilford, Windham County, Vermont where Jesse worked as a miller. Windham County was Jesse's home for the next thirty-five years (1810-1840 US Censuses; Middlesex Co. Probate 15596).

The evidence placing Jesse in Vermont in 1805 comes from the quitclaim deed which transferred his parents' Sudbury homestead on 26 March 1805 to his brother Micah Mosman. By 16 April 1818, at the time of his application for a Revolutionary War pension, Jesse was living in the town of Halifax in Windham County. His application indicates he sold his farm animals to pay for Daniel's "nursing and doctoring" at Boston, fell from a wagon injuring his side and causing a "breach" (hernia) and had to take the poor man's oath the year before to "enjoy his liberty & get released from prison." (Middlesex Co. Deeds 163:325-26; Nat'l Arch's).

Jesse gave his place of residence as Marlborough in Windham County, Vermont on 21 June 1820 in a statement to the Windham County Court regarding his pension. His listed possessions included farm animals, cooking utensils, etc., which were valued at $57.14. He further stated that he was ". . . a common laborer, . . . sixty nine years of age, infirm by reason of a breach (hernia) & lame knee, my wife is 62 years old, she has lost the use of her left hand and is weakly. . . ." Jesse's Application No. was S41009 and the Certificate No. was 11688. His pension was $20.51 (Nat'l Arch's; Pierce's Register, *Seventeenth Report of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution* [Baltimore, 1876]).

Anna died at Wilmington, Vermont on 4 May 1836. After her death Jesse lived in Wilmington with his son-in-law, Levi Cushman. Jesse died in Wilmington on 22 September 1840. He and Anna are buried there at Riverview Cemetery, Section E, Row 15 and 16 (record courtesy of Margaret Greene of Wilmington; *National Society of the D.A.R. Patriot Index* [Washington, D.C., 1966], 484, hereafter cited as *DAR Patriot Index*; W. H. Crockett, "Records of Soldiers Buried in Vt.," 40 & 48).

Jesse's name, incorrectly spelled Mooseman, is listed on a plaque in Peter Memorial Library in Wilmington. Although Jesse had three sons, none produced male progeny, and thus his pedigree ends with his death (VT Hist. Society DAR Collection, VT. 51:49).

CHILDREN:

i. **DANIEL**[5], b. Gardner, MA 11 February 1785; m. Betsey Metcalf at Royalston, MA 22 December 1808. She was b. 29 March 1788. Daniel, of Royalston, and John Metcalf bought land in Wilmington, VT 27 January 1808. The family moved to Boston before 1818 (f. contributed to his care there) and res. there in 1820. Daniel d. at Boston 1 September 1832 of consumption. Betsey d., a wid., 24 April 1857. [See 1850 US Census MA fam. of Zabidee Dean and wife Betsey, age sixty-two, possibly Daniel's widow. Louisa M. Mossman b. ca. 1825 lived with the fam.] Ch.: 1. *Seviah* b. 16 December 1809 at Wilmington; d. at Boston 22 August 1832. 2. *Sally Metcalf* b. Royalston 7 November 1811. 3. *Eliza* b. Royalston 25 April 1814. 4. *Joseph Warren* b. at Royalston 5 December 1816. No further record. 5. *Mary Melvina* b. at Boston 12 July 1819; m. Warren Godfrey Hamilton 10 February 1840. Warren was b. Chatham, MA 22 June 1809 and d. Gill, MA 1882 (DAR 40785 and 40788; Royalston V.R., 51; MaSA 59:207; Windham Co. Deeds 5:54; 1820 US Census MA; Daniel's Death Cert.).

ii. **RUFUS**, (twin) b. 29 March 1788 at Templeton, MA; m. Betsey Atwood ca. 1816. Betsey was b. 11 September 1793, the dau. of Elisha and Betsey Atwood of Wellfleet, MA. Rufus and Betsey res. at Boston where he was a coal dealer and a victualer. Rufus d. testate at Cambridge 28 September 1872. Ch. 1. *Betsey* b. June 1817; m. Hiram Sherwin at Boston in August 1837. She d. 11 September 1860. 2. *Sarah F.* b. 23 September 1822; m. Charles F. Chamberlin. Charles was b. VT 25 December 1814. He was interred at Mt. Auburn Cemetery 31 January 1872, age fifty-seven. Sarah F. was bur. Mt. Auburn 25 July 1896. Ch. (surname **Chamberlin**): i. *Sarah E.* ii. *Ella May.* 3. *Louisa* (conjectural) b. ca. 1825. 4. *Rufus R.* (conjectural) b. January 1831; d. 19 August 1831.

None of the conjectural ch. are bur. at Mt. Auburn Cem. (Mt. Auburn Cem. Records; Cambridge V.R., 2:669; MaSA 248:133 and 140:101; Middlesex Co. Deeds 278:248; *Columbian Centinel 1704-1840*).

iii. EMMA, (twin) b. Templeton 29 March 1788; m. Enoch Smith at Wilmington 20 November 1814.

iv. AARON, b. Wilmington 1790-1800; m. Pamela Fowler at Wilmington 7 March 1813. Pamela was b. 1780-1790. Aaron bought twenty-five acres of land in Wilmington on 23 April 1818, and they were bp. 1 July 1819 at the Cong. Ch. in Wilmington where they res. in 1820. They prob. moved to Cheshire, MA ca. 1872 when he received a legacy from his bro. Rufus's estate. Ch. 1. *Isabella A. F.* (conjectural) b. ca. 1814; m. James Macintosh, int. 28 March 1847 (1820 & 1840 US Census VT; VT V.R. 1:119; Wilmington Co. Deeds 41; Middlesex Co. Probate 7806; Wilmington Cong. Church Records; Dorchester V.R. Index through 1825).

v. HANNAH, b. Wilmington ca. 1792; m. Norman Fowler at Wilmington 7 January 1810. Hannah lived in IL in 1872 (VT V.R. 1:116; Middlesex Co. Probate 7860).

vi. POLLY, b. 16 March 1795; m. Levi Cushman December 1820. Levi was b. 18 November 1792 at Wilmington, the s. of Barnabas and Deliverance Cushman. Levi d. on 26 October 1862. Polly d. 20 September 1874 (VT DAR Index to the Rolls of Honor 76:44; DAR 75109; LDS, IGI, VT, N0821, 1702).

vii. MOSES; d.y.

Chapter 14

Silas Mosman

Blacksmith

14. Silas[4] Mosman (George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born in Sudbury on 27 May 1757. He married Beulah Hemingway at Sudbury 24 February 1779. Beulah was born on 10 October 1757 (Sudbury V.R., 99 and 241; DAR 305705).

Silas was nearly eighteen when Paul Revere and William Dawes warned the Minutemen, on the night of 18 April 1775, of General Gage's march to Lexington. A scene of the battle of the following day is depicted today on the bronze doors at the East portico entrance of the House of Representatives in Washington, DC. The artist was Thomas Crawford and the doors were cast under the direction of Melzar Hunt Mosman, Silas' great grandson ("Art in the United States Capital" [Washington, 1978]. [See Appendix 8.]

Military records indicate that Silas became a member of Capt. Amassa Cranston's company of Col. Eleazer Brooks's regiment probably in 1776. He was a Private in Capt. Asahel Wheeler's company of Col. Jonathan Read's regiment. It is possible he enlisted again on 28 September 1777, serving for thirty days in the Northern Department Silas was allowed mileage (200 miles) from home to camp. He was also in a muster roll of Capt. Asahel Wheeler's company which marched from Sudbury and joined Col. Joseph Read's regiment at Roxbury (MSSWR, 11:164).

After their marriage in Sudbury in 1779, Silas and Beulah probably located there. According to the census of 1790, the family was in Sudbury with two male children under sixteen, Noah and Silas, Jr., and one female child, probably Polly. The family was also in Sudbury when his parents' homestead was sold in 1805 and it was likely after this date that they moved to Stow (1790 US Census MA; Middlesex Co. Deeds 163:325-26).

No Middlesex County deeds exist for Silas and Beulah suggesting that they rented or perhaps lived with his parents. They moved to Stow probably after 1805, but again no deeds are on file there. The Federal censuses of 1810 and 1820 confirm that Silas and

his family lived in Stow. Silas was a resident there at the time of his death on 20 January 1829. Beulah also died at Stow on 20 January 1839. They are buried at Hillside Cemetery there. No evidence has been found to indicate that he ever applied for a military pension (Stow V.R., 252; Nat'l Arch's).

There are no clues in available records to indicate what Silas's occupation was, but without land he probably was something other than a farmer unless he rented farm land. Although but a surmise, he may have been a blacksmith as was his son Silas, Jr. In either case, from this family came an expertise in metal working that was to last until the 1920s. Permanent monuments to that technical skill exist today throughout the United States. The bronze doors of the House of Representatives are but one symbol of that talent.

CHILDREN:

i. **POLLY**[5] b. 1780-1786 prob. at Sudbury. She was bp. on 18 November 1792 at Bolton. Polly d. 4 April 1803 at Stow (1790 US Census MA; Bolton V.R., 214; Stow V.R., 252).

ii. **NOAH**, b. at Stow 10 July 1787. He res. Thetford, Orange Co. VT in 1810, prob. with the Southworth fam.(see Elizabeth Southworth w. of Noah's nephew George[6]). Noah d. unm. Springfield, MA 30 January 1848 of "dropsy" (1810 US Census VT; MaSA 32:159; Stow V.R., 252).

30. iii. **SILAS, Jr.**, b. Stow 21 December 1789 (MaSA 84:223).

iv. **PHEBEE**, b. Stow 4 June 1794; m. Samuel Parks ca. 1811. She d. testate, a singlewoman, 4 November 1847, and is bur. Hillside Cemetery in Stow. In her will, dated 2 November 1847, "being sick and weak of body but of sound mind," she left her estate ($199.75 of which $159 was a note due from W. Robinson) to her "beloved" dau. Mary Jane. Other heirs were her four surviving brothers and sisters. Ch. (surname **Parks**): 1. *Samuel* bp. ca. 1812; prob. d.y. 2. *Mary Jane* b.

ca. 1840. She lived with the family of Arn S. Thompson of Sudbury in 1850. She was left with the family of Levi and Sibbel Smith of Sudbury, after the death of her mother, and she changed her name to Smith 10 May 1855 (DAR 305705; LDS, IGI, MA, 25307; Stow V.R.; Middlesex Co. Probate 38027 and 39029).

v. AZUBAH, b. Stow 20 January 1797; m. Eli Sawyer of Newton 22 April 1828. Ch. (surname **Sawyer**): 1. *Eli* b. 19 May 1839 at Berlin, MA (DAR 305705; Stow V.R., 177; LDS, IGI, MA 32253).

vi. REBECCAH, b. 22 May 1799; d. 26 March 1820 (DAR 305705; Stow V.R., 252).

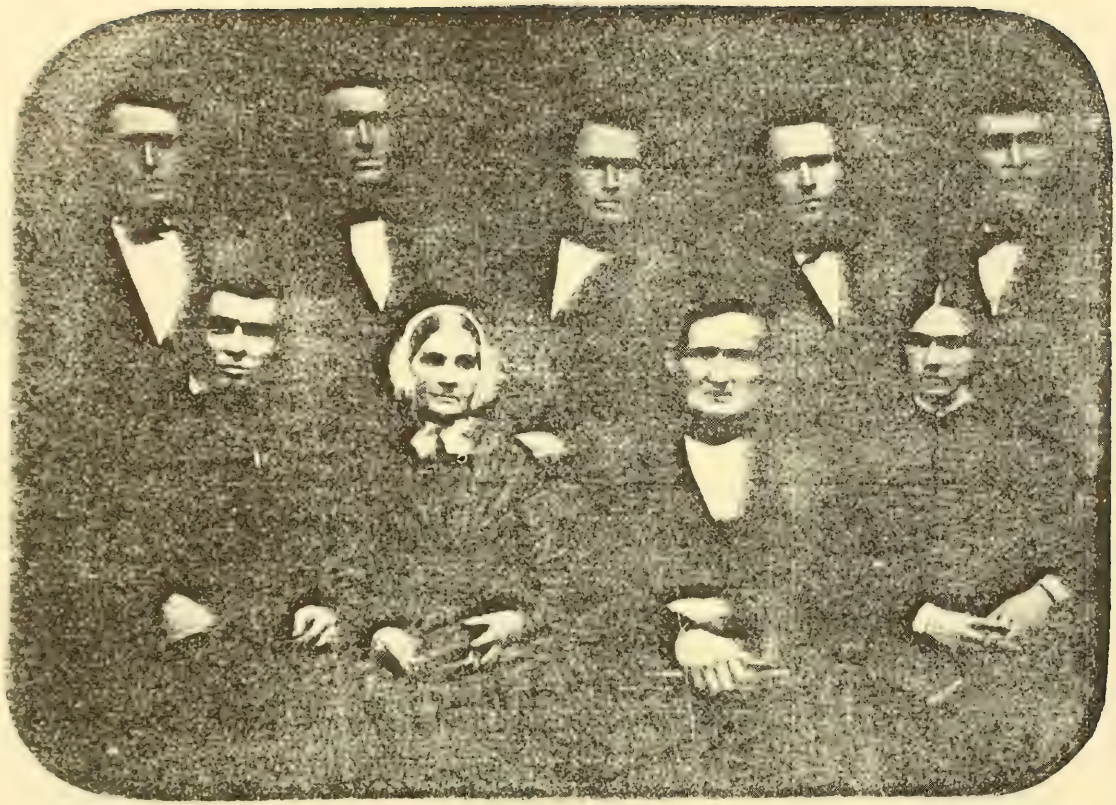
Silas Mosman, Jr.

Blacksmith, Mechanic

30. Silas[5], **Mosman**, **Jr.** (Silas[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Northboro on 21 December 1789. He married Betsey Goodale of Marlboro on 17 September 1811. Betsey was born on 17 January 1787, the daughter of Abner and Mary (Howe) Goodale (MaSA 84:223 and 129:224; Marlboro V.R., 289; DAR 305705).

Silas and Betsey settled at Berlin in Worcester County where they purchased by warranty deed, land, a barn, a dwelling and a blacksmith shop which abutted their property. This purchase took place on 1 March 1813, and the mortgage was discharged on 5 August 1817. In this deed he is referred to as a blacksmith, a trade perhaps learned from his father. In the spring of the year 1817, he mortgaged a portion this property, which included a blacksmith shop, to James Goddard and Dexter Fay. Ultimately the property was sold on 8 August 1818. Silas thought highly of Dexter Fay for he gave one of his sons that name (Worcester Co. Deeds 186:366-67, 187:356; 210:184-85 and 212:414-15).

It is not clear exactly when Silas took his family to Chicopee, in Hampden County, but it was probably before 1830. There he



Standing: Abner Goodale Mosman, Dexter Fay Mosman, Silas Mosman, Jr., George Mosman, Nathan Mosman. Seated: Martin Hemenway Mosman, Mrs. Betsey (Goodale) Mosman, Deacon Silas Mosman, Mary Howe Mosman

entered the employ of the newly established Ames Mfg. Co. where "he was a superior worker in bronze and steel." He may have helped in the financing of the company, for when he died his estate in ventory included notes due from that company. The Ames Mfg. Co. specialized in making fine steel swords for the U. S. Government. The company also made bronze cannon, the only manufacturer of its kind in the country. His sons, George and Nathan worked in the Ames Mfg. Co. during the Civil War as did Abner G., Dexter and Martin H. who were inspectors of swords (*National Historical Magazine* 73, No. 8, August 1939, 97, hereafter cited as NHM).

The family lived on Grape Street in Chicopee where both he and Betsey were active and influential in both civic and church affairs. He was a Deacon and represented the community in the Massachusetts State Legislature for one term (*ibid.*; MaSA 84:223).

By 1850 Silas had accumulated a modest estate. His real estate was valued at $2,500 that year. Their daughter Mary H. and the family of Rev. George Ovitt were members of the household in 1850 (1850 US Census MA).

Silas died testate of consumption at Chicopee on 29 May 1854 at the age of sixty-four. In his will he directed that his son Silas be appointed Executor, that ". . . my small dwelling house and lot situated on the North side of the Chicopee River . . ." be sold, and his house on Grape St. be kept for his wife Betsey during her lifetime. The estate totaled $4,359 with the residue to be divided amongst his six sons. The inventory included notes receivable from his sons and others, including Ames Mfg. Co. (MaSA 84:233; Hampden Co. Probate 8084).

Betsey G., a widow, died in Chicopee of "old Age" at age seventy-two on 27 May 1859 (MaSA 129:224).

CHILDREN:

69. i. **SILAS**[6], bp. Stow 22 July 1812 (James A. Smith, *Families of Amherst, Massachusetts* [Amherst, 1984], hereafter cited as Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529; Stow V.R., 59).

70. ii. **ABNER GOODALE**, b. Berlin 31 October 1813 (LDS, IGI, MA., 25304; Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529).

iii. **DAVID**, b. Berlin 26 May 1816. He lived in W. Springfield in 1850. David d. before 1854 (1850 US Census MA).

iv. **GEORGE**, b. Berlin 23 November 1817; m. Elizabeth H. Southworth ca. 1840. Elizabeth was b. Thetford, VT 13 December 1814, the dau. of Seth A. and Olive (Gillette) Southworth. George res. at Chicopee in 1850, 1860 and 1870, and was a die cutter. He d. intestate at Chicopee 29 August 1891 of peci-typhilitis. His heirs included his bro. Nathan, his sis. Mary H., five nephews, four nieces and his w. Elizabeth. She d. testate at Chicopee 8 February 1897 (LDS, IGI, MA, 25305; MaSA 472:697, 418:516 and 418:560; 1850-1870 US Census MA; Hampden Co. Probate 21572; MaBVS 472:697).

71. **v.** **DEXTER FAY**, b. Warwick March 1818 (MaSA 257:12).

72 . **vi.** **NATHAN**, b. Warwick 3 April 1823 (NEHGS, *Register*, 82 [1928]:499).

vii. **MARY H.**, b. June 1827. Mary was a teacher and lived with her bro. George in Chicopee in 1860. Mary was renowned for her faith and piety. She was an apostle of the Faith Cure and was the instrument of many wonderful healings. Someone writing of her life said "had she lived in medieval times she would have been cannonized as a saint." Mary H. was located at Neptune City, Monmouth Co., NJ. in 1900 (1860 US Census MA; 1900 US Census NJ; NHM, 73:8, August, 1939, 97).

73. **viii.** **MARTIN H.**, b. Chicopee ca. 1827 (MaSA 37:297).

Silas Mosman

Designer, Draftsman and Blacksmith

69. Silas[6] Mosman, Jr. (Silas[5-4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Stow on 22 July 1812. He married (1) Abigail Hubbard Hunt ca. 1832. Abigail was born on 31 March 1811 at Sunderland, the daughter of William and Fanny (Montague) Hunt. Abigail died on 7 February 1849 (MaSA 346:353; Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529).

Silas was a man of considerable talent who accumulated significant wealth from his occupation as a designer-draftsman. He had a good intellect, owned a significant library, and possessed musical inclinations. He was also a devout Christian.

Like his father before him, Silas was a blacksmith, probably apprenticing at the Ames Mfg. Co. In 1836 he lived in Holyoke when he and others bought a machine shop on the Fort River at Pelham Rd. in Amherst. The death of their two youngest children may have been a factor in their moving to Springfield in Hampden County before 1840. Like his father, he represented his community in the State legislature (Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529; 1840 US Census MA; NHM, 73:8, August 1939, 97).

Silas married (2) Harriet Pomeroy about 1850. She was born on 17 March 1816 at South Hadley, the daughter of Elisha and Rachel (Goldthwaite) Pomeroy. They were living in Chicopee that year with Henry, Melzar and Fanny. Their property was valued at a modest $1,000 (Charlotte Goldthwaite, *Descendents of Thomas Goldthwaite.* [Hartford, 1899], 207, hereafter cited as Goldthwaite, *Goldthwaite*).

Silas was the Administrator of his father's estate in 1854. The family lived on Grape St. in Chicopee, probably in his father's home. The war years were likely extremely busy ones for Silas, for Ames Mfg. Co. manufactured cannons and swords for the Union forces during the Civil War. The war also created a post-war demand for cast bronze memorials and monuments, thus ensuring continued work and prosperity for the family. By 1870 Silas and his family were still located in Chicopee, and their youngest

son William was with them (Hampden Co. Probate 8083; MaSA 72:299; 1870 US Census).

Silas experienced considerable family tragedy during his life through the premature deaths of seven of his children: Lucy, Sarah, John, Abigail, Henry, Harriet A. and Lillian. His oldest son Melzar, however, was surely a source of considerable pride and joy, for he was a man of substantial talent.

Silas died testate at Chicopee on 12 June 1883 of heart disease. He left his personal property and $1,000 to his wife Harriet and the balance of his estate to her and their son Melzar H. in trust, with the income going to his wife Harriet. Silas left $500 to care for lots in Maple Grove Cemetery in Chicopee and $600 each to six religious organizations. The estate inventory consisted of $11,500, of which $4,500 was the value of the homestead and the Brigham House (Hampden Co. Probate 13496; MaSA 346:353).

Harriet P. died testate at Chicopee on 27 February 1892 of pneuumonia with an estate of $2,126. She left $150 each to her sisters: Amanda Bancroft of Worcester, Julia Hooker of So. Hadley, Emiline Chase of Granby, Rachel Taylor of Springfield, and to her brother Francis Pomeroy of Holyoke. Her son Melzar H. was the Administrator and received the balance of her estate (Hampden Co. Probate 18063; MaSA 427:593).

Silas and Harriet are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Chicopee.

CHILDREN:

i. **LUCY[7] ELLEN**, b. prob. at Holyoke 2 September 1833; d. Amherst 12 February 1838 (Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529).

ii. **SARAH HUNT**, b. prob. at Holyoke 7 October 1835; d. prob. at Amherst of croup 24 July 1837 (*ibid.*).

iii. **SILAS HENRY**, b. Amherst 11 March 1838; d. 28 June 1861 of consumption (MaSA 147:349).

iv. **JOHN PLUMMER**, b. prob. at Springfield 23 November 1841; d. 1 December 1841 (Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529).

v. **MELZAR HUNT**, b. Chicopee 10 March 1843; m. Ellen M. Harvey 7 November 1867. Ellen was b. East Burke, VT 6 September 1846, the dau. of Silas and Pamela (Fisher) Harvey. Melzar was in the Civil War, enlisting 6 September 1862 in Co. D, 46th Inf. regiment. Melzar took part in all movements of the company in NC, the Trent Road reconaissance at Plymouth and the Gum Swamp affair. He was discharged at Springfield on 29 July 1863. Melzar and Ellen res. at Chicopee in 1870, 1880 and 1900. He applied for a military pension (1334368) on 7 April 1905. Melzar was a bronze founder and in later years he was a sculptor. Some of his works are listed in Appendix 8. Ellen d. at Chicopee 8 February 1923 of a coronary. Melzar d. testate at Chicopee 11 January 1926 of liver cancer. His estate was valued at $169,523. He left $2,000 to each of eight religious organizations and the residue to his dau. Ch. 1. *Ralph S.* b. at Chicopee 8 June 1879; d. at Chicopee 4 April 1883 of scarlet fever. 2. *Marguerite E.* b. Chicopee 25 March 1886; m. Percy Emmons Woodward. He became the President of the Waldorf Lunch System. They res. Newtonville, MA and Marguerite d. ca. 1923 (1850-1900 US Census MA; DAR 305705; records of the Chicopee Public Library; MaBVS 16:125, 17:290; MSSCW 4:363; Nat'l Arch's; MaSA 304:344, 346:352; Hampden Co. Probate 54117 and 18244).

vi. **FANNY ELIZABETH**, b. Chicopee 26 January 1847; m. Edward M. Alden of Chicopee 13 November 1867. Edward was b. Ludlow, MA ca. 1844, the s. of Jefferson and (Kendall) Alden (MaSA 16:228, 200:11).

vii. **HARRIET A.**, b. Chicopee 23 September 1853 and d. 7 February 1855 of hydrocephalus (MaSA 72:299 and 93: 218).

viii. **WILLIAM**, b. Chicopee, MA ca. 1856; d. after 1870 (1870 US Census MA).

ix. **LILLIAN**, b. Chicopee ca. 1856; d. Chicopee 11 June 1872 of tubercular consumption (Goldthwaite, *Goldthwaite*, 207; MaSA 248:8).

Abner Goodale Mosman

Farmer and Mechanic

70. Abner[6] Goodale Mosman (Silas[5-4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Berlin on 31 October 1813. He married Emily Rice on 16 May 1833. Emily was born at Montague ca. 1810, the daughter of Alphius and Huldah (Call) Rice (1870 US Census MA; LDS, IGI, MA, 25304; Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529; SAR 4201).

After their marriage, Abner and Emily settled in Springfield where their son Edward was born. They probably moved to Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut in 1840, returning before 1842 to Springfield. They then bought a house in Amherst in June 1844, and were living there in 1850 with Emily's parents. Abner's real estate was valued at $1,900. Abner farmed and worked as a mechanic to support his family (1850 US Census MA; MaSA 10:204 and 35:101; Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529).

The family maintained their residence in Amherst at least through 1870, according to census records. In 1860 three of their children were members of the household. Their real estate was valued at $2,000 and their personal property at $800 that year. By 1870 their real estate had increased in value somewhat to $2,500 and $1,000, respectively. The slight change in these values is hard to understand, for Abner worked at the Ames Mfg. Co. where he was a Government Inspector of swords. It may be that much of his resources were consumed by the education of his children (1860 & 1870 US Census, MA; NHM, 73:8, August 1939, 97).

Emily died on 9 July 1886, and Abner died on 27 December of that year (DAR 3569).

CHILDREN:

i. **EDWARD**[7], **P.**, b. 4 May 1834 at Springfield; m. Sarah E. Story 12 June 1866. He res. with the fam. of John Rodgers, blacksmith, in 1850. Sarah was b. ca. 1832, the dau. of Isaac and Lucy Story. They lived in Norwich, CT (MaSA 191:303; 1850 US Census MA; Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529).

ii. **DAVID**, b Ludlow, MA 28 June 1836 (Smith, *Amherst*, 3:529).

iii. **NATHAN**, b. Springfield 11 June 1839 (*ibid.*).

iv. **JAMES A.**, b. 25 September 1842 at Springfield; prob. d.y. for he was not enumerated with the family in 1850 (*ibid.*).

v. **EMERY A.**, b. Amherst 11 June 1844. He was a soldier in the Civil War in Co. A, 25th CT Infantry (MaSA 10:204; Nat'l Arch's).

vi. **MARY ELLEN**, b. South Amherst, 14 December 1846; m. the Hon. Ebenezer J. Hill of Norwalk, CT 15 June 1868. Ebenezer was b. Redding, CT 4 August 1845, the s. of Moses and Charlotte (McClenan) Hill. They were m. by Rev. J. H. Seelyo, Cong. Minister. Ebenezer d. 27 September 1917, and Mary Ellen d. 23 May 1918 Ch. (surname **Hill**): 1. *Clara Mosman* b. Norwalk; 2. *Emily* b. Amherst; m. Charles Hubbell. 3. *Helena Charlotte* b. Norwalk; m. Dr. Walter Harvey Weed. (MaSA 22:238 and 209:61; DAR 2222 and 3569).

vii. **GEORGE ARTHUR**, b. Amherst 6 June 1849; d. 28 February 1850 (MaSA 35:101; 1850 US Census MA; Smith, *Amherst*).

viii. **EMILY C.**, b. MA ca. 1852; d. after 1870 (1860 & 1870 US Census MA).

Dexter Fay Mosman

Machinist

71. Dexter[6] Fay Mosman (Silas[5-4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Warwick on 3 March 1819. He married Louisa Augusta Evans about 1841. Louisa was born at Newburyport, Massachusetts about 1817, daughter of William Evans (MaSA 257:12; Nat'l Arch's; 1860 US Census MA; Yale U. Obituary Record 1919-1920).

Dexter and Louisa settled in Chicopee were he was employed by the Ames Mfg. Co. The 1850 census confirms their location there with their two sons that year. Their real estate valuation was $200, but ten years later its value had grown to $8,000 with $2,000 in personal property. The 1860 census also lists him as a machinist and apparently a successful one. He undoubtedly had little trouble supporting their three children (1850 & 1860 US Census MA).

Dexter and his family enjoyed continued prosperity, and by 1870 their real estate valuation had increased to $20,000 and their personal property to $10,000. He was a U. S. Government inspector of swords during the Civil War, so when his son William returned from military service there were likely ample funds to send him to Amherst College (1870 US Census MA).

Dexter F. died at Chicopee on 3 December 1873 of consumption, age fifty-four. In his will he left an estate valued at $43,585 which was administered by his son William. Most of the estate consisted of promissory notes ($32,287) with most of this due from Harvey Lyman. Dexter F. stipulated that $1,000 be provided his widow. The education of his minor daughter was also provided for. Any residue was to be divided equally amongst his children (MaSA 257:12; Hampden Co. Probate 8083).

Sometime after Dexter's death, Louisa moved to New Haven, Connecticut, probably to the home of her son William. She died there on 5 June 1894, intestate, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven (Hampden Co. Probate 21694; Nat'l Arch's).

CHILDREN:

i. **WILLIAM[7] DEXTER**, b. Chicopee 31 August 1842; m. Josephine Florence Watrous at Gambier, Knox Co., OH on 3 August 1875. Josie was b. Mt. Sterling, KY, 5 Aril 1847, the dau. of Dr. Warren P. and Eunice Calkins (Lewis) Watrous. William enlisted 6 September 1862 in Co. D, 46th Mass. Vol. and was in the battles of Kingston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, Newburn and Gum Swamp. He was discharged 27 July 1863 at Springfield. During 1864-65, he was with the US Sanitary Commission in Washington. William graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Amherst in 1870, and from Yale Divinity School in 1876. He and Josie lived in Scranton, PA, where he was city missionary, and Charlotte, NC where he was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry. William was a Professor of Latin and Natural Science at Biddle University in Charlotte from 1876 to 1877. They returned to New Haven, CT in 1877, where he transferred to the Congregational ministry. They lived in New Haven for the balance of their lives. William was instrumental in starting the Associated Charities in New Haven, the first organization of its kind in the country. They both applied for pensions: he on 7 December 1904 (1328624); she on 31 March 1920 (893427). William D. d. at Madison, CT, of complications from a fall, 13 October 1919. Josie d. 4 December 1927. Ch. 1. *Marion Watrous* b. New Haven 19 August 1878. Marion grad. from Vassar in 1901. She d. 3 June 1910. 2. *Grace Louise* b. New Haven 26 April 1881. She d. 14 May 1949. 3. *Eva Eunice* b. New Haven 15 February 1883; m. Louis D. Stanton. Eva died in May 1921. (Knox Co. OH Probate 2:264; *MSSMCW* 4:363; Amherst Biog. Rec., 1972; 1880 & 1900 US Census CT; his Death Cert.; Yale U. Obit. Record 1910-20; Nat'l Arch's).

ii. **CHARLES E.**, b. Springfield 2 January 1847; prob. d. before 1873 for he was not an heir to his f.'s estate (MaSA 22:222).

iii. **CARRIE LOUISA**, b. Chicopee ca. 1856; d. intestate New Haven, CT, 18 January 1882 (MaSA 97:7; Hampden Co. Probate 21693).

Nathan Mosman

Machinist

72. Nathan[6] Mosman (Silas[5-4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Warwick on 3 April 1823. He was married to Caroline Bemis Flint on 24 May 1848 at Lincoln, Rev. Wm. C. Jackson, Congregational Minister, performing the ceremony. Caroline was born on 28 April 1823 in Lincoln, the daughter of Major Ephraim and Susan (Bemis) Flint of Lincoln (NEHGS *Register*, 82 (1928):499; T. W-M. Draper, *The Bemis Genealogy*, [San Francisco, 1900]:97; MaSA 38:48; Lincoln V.R., 36, 108, 126).

After their marriage, Nathan and Caroline settled in Chicopee. They moved to Newton where they bought land and buildings in the Auburndale section of that city on 23 January 1866. Caroline was a teacher and Nathan was a machinist. It is likely that employment opportunities attracted them there (Middlesex Co. Deeds 962:409; Lincoln V.R., 108, 126).

Caroline died intestate of brain disease at Newton on 6 August 1878 at the age of fifty-five. Nathan was the Administrator of her estate, and, with Frances Flint and Susan F. Shedd, he inventoried and appraised her estate at $3,100. There was a $100 promissory note due from George F. Bemis in the inventory. Nathan was later appointed the guardian of his two daughters. He and his three children quitclaimed their rights to land in Lincoln to George Flint. The land was part his mother-in-law 's estate, and the date was 28 March 1891 (MaSA 302:144; Middlesex Co. Probate 7858 and 7861; Middlesex Co. Deeds 2085:331).

Nathan spent the remainder of his life in Newton as a widower. He bought some land in Auburndale on 15 November 1889 and on 28 December 1896, and quitclaimed some of this land to the city of Newton on 27 March 1893 (Middlesex Co. Deeds 1925:483; 2534:341 and 2189:544).

Nathan died intestate at Newton on 5 March 1898 of a cerebral hemorrhage. His son Walter B. was Administrator of his estate. There has been some confusion about the way Nathan spelled his last name. The confusion probably stems from the spelling "Mossman" used by his son Walter. Unlike his son, Nathan did not use the surname spelling of "Mossman," contrary to the assertion by Hanson (see NEHGS, NEXUS 4, No. 2, 76). In several records the "Mosman" spelling is retained, e.g.:

1. his marriage on 24 May 1848 (MaSA 38:48).
2. land transactions (Middlesex Co. Deeds 2085:331 dated 28 March 1891).
3. Caroline's death on 6 August 1878 (MaSA 302:144).
4. his death on 5 March 1898 (MaBVS 482:350; Middlesex Co. Probate 47058).

CHILDREN:

i. **WALTER[7] BEMIS**, b. Chicopee 29 November 1854 (NEHG *Register*, 82 (1928):499).

ii. **SUSAN GOODALE**, b. Chicopee 22 March 1861 (MaSA 141:394).

iii. **MARY CAROLINE**, b. Chicopee 18 April 1863. Mary C. and her sister Susan G. were living at Newton in 1900 (MaSA 159:290; 1900 US Census MA).

Martin Hemenway Mosman

Machinist

73. Martin[6] Hemenway Mosman (Silas[5-4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Chicopee ca. 1827. He married (1) Almira A.

Denison on 20 September 1849 at Chicopee. Almira was born about 1829 at Guildhall, Vermont, the daughter of David E. and Esther Denison (MaSA 37:297).

Martin and Almira probably lived in Chicopee after their marriage, and it is there that Bessie was born. Sometime after 1856, it is conjectured that Martin and Almira lived in Canada, where Leroy was born. They moved back to Chicopee ca. 1858 (1900 US Census CT).

Martin H. was a U. S. Government inspector of swords in Chicopee during the Civil War. His second cousin Judson A. used one of the Chicopee swords during the Civil War, and it is shown with Judson in a photograph in Chapter 15. (NHM, 73:8, August 1939, 97).

Almira's death has not been documented, although she probably died before 1871 when Martin was married to (2) Laura A. Knapp of Chicopee on the 2nd of March of that year. Laura was born at Huntington in May 1846, the daughter of A. M. and Betsey (Torrey) Knapp. Martin's death probably occurred before 1900, for in that year Laura was living with her brother-in-law Simeon A. Watrous in Waterbury, Connecticut (MaSA 236:8; 1900 US Census CT).

CHILDREN:

i. **BESSIE**[7], b. Chicopee 1 March 1856 (MaSA 97:6).

ii. **LEROY M.**, (conjectural) b. Canada, September 1858. [supporting evidence: 1) Leroy had a dau. as well as a sis. named Bessie, and 2) George Mosman, Martin's brother, had a nephew named Leroy (Hampden Co. Probate 21572)].

Chapter 15

Aaron Mosman

Yeoman and Mill Operator

15. Aaron[4] Mosman (George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 22 October 1759. He married Hepsibah Hosmer on 28 May 1782. Hepsibah was born at Concord on 16 July 1759, the daughter of Samuel and Anna (Parlin) Hosmer (Sudbury V.R., 98; Mrs. Leroy McMahon, Copy of Family Bible, hereafter cited as McMahon Bible; Maine Old Cemetery Association records at Maine State Library, hereafter cited as MOCA; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

At the outbreak of hostilities with the British in the Revolutionary War, Aaron was sixteen years of age. The date of his enlistment is unclear, although he was reported discharged on 28 August 1775. He was a Private in Capt. Aaron Hayne's company of Col. Jonathon Brewer's regiment, and there is a company return dated 6 October 1775 at Prospect Hill. He was in Capt. Asahel Wheeler's company of Col. John Robinson's regiment which marched 4 February probably in 1776. Aaron was reported "enlisted out" on 1 March 1776. Aaron served in Capt. Asahel Wheeler's company of Col. Jonathon Read's regiment probably in the in Northern department where was at the campaign at Ticonderoga in 1776 with his brother Jesse. This enlistment probably was in part also in Capt. Craft's company of Col. Grafton's regiment and lasted twelve months. He was discharged on 31 December 1778 (MSSWR, 11:162; Hudson, *Sudbury*, 385; Nat'l Arch's).

Following his military service, Aaron and Hepsibah were married and settled in Lincoln where they were living in 1790. There was a male over sixteen years of age in the family whose identity is unknown. Another male under sixteen was probably Reuben, and there was one female, probably their daughter Hepsibah, besides his wife Hepsibah.

By 21 March 1792, Aaron sold fifteen and three-quarter acres (Gable's Island) bordering the Sudbury (Concord) River in the westerly part of Lincoln which he had purchased on 13 December

1790. Hepsibah released her right of dower (1790 US Census MA; Middlesex Co. Deeds 113:227, 113:229).

It is possible that the family moved to Maine shortly after the sale of the property in Lincoln, but before 25 October 1798 when he was the grantee in a Camden, Maine deed, purchasing one hundred acres for $70. He sold these one hundred acres on 25 April 1800 for $1,000. It is likely that this first, profitable purchase and sale of land in Maine was the stimulus for the active investment in Maine properties by Aaron and his sons and possibly his grandnephew Dr. Nahum Mosman and their descendants during the next several decades (Lincoln Co. Deeds 43:233, 46::167)

On 20 July 1802, Aaron purchased a saw and grist mill in Thomaston in Knox County on Maddambetticks Pond, and probably made his living from this mill, either operating or renting it, over the next several years. He sold a one-half interest in the grist mill, plus land, for $600 to his son-in-law Nathaniel Packard on 1 March 1807. There was a default in the payment, for a judgment was obtained against Nathaniel for $430 on 4 August 1813 (Lincoln Co. Deeds 50:12, 50:261, 63:54, 86:30; 1820-1840 US Census ME).

His motivation to have a successful business involved him in the production of lime when he purchased, on 14 May 1803, a one-quarter acre ". . . having limerock thereon. . . ." Farming, lumbering and fishing, however, were major industries in Maine then. The population of Maine in 1810 was 228,705 and grew rapidly to 501,793 by 1840. The rapid population growth and the ships to take products to market encouraged the proliferation of small endeavors such as this (Lincoln Co. Deeds 63:51).

Aaron sold his land on the west side of the ". . . brook leading from Madam Betticks great Pond about one rod below the Grist mill . . ." on 19 October 1811 for $1,000. The next Spring, on 11 June 1812, his wife Hepsibah died and was buried in Tolman Cemetery in Rockland (Lincoln Co. Deeds 146:319; Thomaston V.R.; MOCA).

Two years after Hepsibah's death, Aaron married his second wife Sarah, or Sally, Gardner of Edgecomb, Lincoln County, Maine, on

16 June 1814. Sarah was born 18 June 1778 at Edgecomb, the daughter of Elizabeth Gardner. It is unclear whether the step-daughter Betsey Pottle mentioned in the next paragraph could be Betsey (Gardner) Pottle, a married woman, or just Betsey Pottle which would indicate that Sally's marriage to Aaron was her third (Cyrus Eaton, *History of Thomaston, Rockland, and South Thomaston, Maine* [1865], hereafter cited as Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; Nat'l Arch's; her g.s.).

In April 1818, Aaron applied for a Revolutionary War pension (#S18514). His family at the time consisted of his wife Sally, his daughter Betsey, his son Merrick, his mother-in-law Betsey Gardner, his step-daughter Betsey Pottle, age twenty, and his granddaughter Lora Packard, age ten. All were in good health except his mother-in-law who was very feeble. Aaron indicated that he was a laborer, unable to work for two years because of his age and feebleness. His inventory, valued at $464.50, consisted of sixty-three acres, farm animals and farm equipment. In addition he was in debt for $680. He received, on 4 March 1831, a semi-annual pension of $20. The pension seems inadequate in view of the fact that in 1820 the household included, besides Aaron and Sally, six males and four females. Three were engaged in agriculture and one in commerce (Nat'l Arch's; 1820 US Census ME).

Despite his financial condition, he continued to buy and sell land, including seventy acres in Thomaston for $200 bordering his wife Sally's land and Isaiah Tolman's land near the outlet of the Great Pond. The date was 7 April 1819. On 11 November 1819, he bought twenty-five acres in Camden for $125, and then sold land, which included twenty-three acres in Thomaston and twenty-five acres in Camden, to his son Merrick for $550 on 12 April 1825. He also sold two other lots to Merrick totaling forty-two acres in Thomaston for $1,200 on 12 April 1825 (Lincoln Co. Deeds 101:135, 106:183, 130:309, 130:310).

Aaron's death came in Thomaston, his home of thirty-eight years, on 27 November 1840 at the age of eighty-three. Sally died on 28 October 1844. She, Hepsibah and Aaron are buried in Tolman Cemetery in Rockland, Maine (MOCA; C. E. Fisher & S. G. Fisher, *Soldiers, Sailors, and Patriots of the Revolutionary War, Maine,*

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution [Louisville], 563).

CHILDREN:

i. **DANIEL**[5], b. MA 12 March 1783; d.y. 6 June 1784 (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; McMahon Bible).

ii. **HEPSIBAH**, b. MA 4 April 1785; m. Nathaniel L. Packard of Rockland 17 March 1803. He was b. May 1780 and d. 9 November 1857. She bought three lots and a dwelling in Thomaston on 26 June 1829. Hepsibah d. 26 June 1857 Rockland, ME. Ch. (surname **Packard**): 1. *Henry* b. 3 November 1805; m. Jane Kieff of Union, ME, 13 August 1829; d. 11 October 1849. 2. *Lora* (conjectural) b. ca. 1808. 3. *Lozier* b. 21 April 1810; m. Henrietta Sleeper 11 August 1833. 4. *Erastus F.* b. 9 August 1812; d. 28 September 1838. 5. *Lorenzo* b. 20 January 1819; m. Ann Colmar 23 September 1855; d. 15 December 1886. 6. Capt. *Merrick M.* b. 16 March 1822; m. 24 November 1850 Harriet A. Bird (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Lincoln Co. Deeds 6:177; Eaton, *Rockland*; LDS, IGI, ME., N0202, 5494).

iii. **REUBEN**, b. Lincoln 14 March 1788 (McMahon, Bible). [place of birth probable, as it is for Mary]

iv. **MARY**, b. Lincoln 25 May 1791; m. Daniel Packard 3 April 1805. Daniel was b. 3 October 1788 at Surry, NH, the s. of Samuel and Bethia (Waters) Packard. He d. 3 April 1853 at Rockport, ME. Mary d. 11 November 1878 at Rockville, ME. Ch. (surname **Packard**): 1. *Daniel* b. Monmouth, Kennebec Co. ME, 12 December 1805; m. (1) Zillah Tolman 8 January 1832; m. (2) Betsey Veazie 19 December 1844. 2. *Reuben* b. 13 October 1807 Manchester, Kennebec Co. 3. *Mary* b. Rockport, ME, 11 June 1810; m. Isaac Tolman _____. She d. 3 April 1896. 4. *William S.* b. 25 September 1815; m. Sarah Achorn . He d. 17 June 1879. 5. *Joseph*

S. b. Rockport 7 September 1817; m. Sarah Brewster _____. Joseph d. 12 April 1892. 6. *Eliza* b. Rockport 2 September 1819; m. Jacob Ross ___. Eliza d. 4 October 1863. 7. *Benjamin T.* b. 29 January 1822; d. 7 January 1842. 8. *Adinoram* b. Rockport 21 August 1826; d. 3 June 1832 (DAR 276538; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Lincoln Co. Deeds 6:177; *Pierce Family History*, hereafter cited as Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*; LDS, IGI, ME, N0202, 5444 and N0203, 5755, 5783, 5784, 5786, 5789, 5790, 5791, 5793).

32. **v. WILLIAM**, b. 27 April 1794 (McMahon Bible).

33. **vi. AARON, JR.**, b. Knox Co. ME, 10 April 1797 (*ibid.*).

vii. BETSEY, (Elizabeth) b. Knox Co. ME, 1 November 1800; m. Alanson Dean 19 April 1821. Alanson was b. 17 June 1793 and d. 24 February 1870. Elizabeth d. 7 June 1853. Ch. (surname **Dean**): 1. *Harriet* b. 22 January 1822; m. J. W. Ormsby 12 December 1847. Harriet d. 22 January 1877. 2. *Charles* b. 28 March 1824; d. 6 May 1844. 3. *Alanson* b. 1 July 1826; d. 16 February 1861. 4. *Mary P.* b. 28 March 1829; d. 25 February 1848. 5. *Melinda* b. 13 April 1831; m. George Cox. Melinda d. 8 August 1918. 6. *Hanson* b. 3 March 1834; m. Elizabeth Day ca. 1866. Elizabeth was b. 8 March 1848 and died 23 October 1921. Hanson d. 30 September 1897. 7. *Caroline E.* b. 12 February 1840; d. 2 September 1844 (Thomaston V.R. 2:4; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

34. **viii. MERRICK**, b. Thomaston 18 December 1803 (Thomaston V.R. 2:4).

Reuben Mosman

Yeoman, Carpenter and Schooner Captain

31. Reuben[5] Mosman (Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Lincoln on 14 March 1788. He married Margaret Studley of Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine probably in February 1808. Margaret was born in Warren, Knox County, Maine ca. 1788 (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336; MaBVS 517:823).

On 11 November 1809, Reuben bought one hundred acres of land for $500 on the west side of the Goose River in Friendship, Maine. At that time he was a yeoman. He and Margaret probably settled there but he was enumerated in Thomaston in the 1820 census. There were three males and two females in the household in 1820 other than he and Margaret. One male resident that year, born between 1804 and 1810, cannot be accounted for. On 9 November 1820, Reuben bought one and one-half acres of land in Thomaston from Benjamin Bussey with a lime kiln, paying $500 for it (Lincoln Co. Deeds 80:51 and 119:37).

It is likely that Reuben went to sea early in life to make a living. His skills increased and he advanced to master mariner. The land he purchased in 1820 may have led him to the business of transporting lime by ship to major industrial centers.

"The schooner Ann, Capt. Reuben Mosman, loaded with lime and bound to New York, left Chatham early on March 22d (1829), and, a violent storm coming on, was wrecked on the eastern shore of Nantucket. The crew attempting to make their way to some place of shelter from the fury of the storm, the first mate and the steward, sons of the captain, became exhausted with fatigue and cold. Finding that they were unable to walk, the captain, with the energy and fortitude of an affectionate father, bore them alternately on his shoulders for about a mile; when one of them died in that position, and the other he found dead when returning to take him up. After this, Capt. Mosman was barely able to crawl upon his hands and knees to the house of which he was in search. The two young brothers were buried side by side, in the same grave." Services were held at the Methodist Church at Nantucket and they were probably buried in the Polpis Cemetery there

(Eaton *Rockland*, 1: 365; Nantucket Historical Association, Collection 241, Bk 4; place of burial the opinion of Nantucket coroner in letter to E. N. Mosman dated 13 October 1987; Arthur H. Gardner, "List of Vessels Wrecked On or Near Nantucket").

Reuben sold a lot of land in Thomaston on the Mill River for $100 on 20 May 1829 about two months after the death of his two sons. Reuben had purchased this property previously from Benjamin Bussey. Benjamin was a neighbor and likely a friend (Lincoln Co. Deeds 148:301).

Reuben and his family were living in Thomaston in 1830 and, during the winter of 1831, he disappeared, possibly lost at sea (LDS, AIS, Search 3; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

On 26 May 1831, a judgment was brought against Reuben for a debt of $62.82, and one quarter of his twelve-acre house lot was taken to satify the judgment. On the same date a tract of three acres of his land was taken to satisfy another debt of $87.18. There is no reference in these deeds to confirm Reuben's death, for it is stated only that he was out of state (Lincoln Co. Deeds 152:109 and 152:116).

On 2 September 1835, Benjamin Bussey of Roxbury, Massachusetts, former neighbor, friend and benefactor gave and bequeathed to Margaret and her children, two and one-half acres of land on the road leading to East Thomaston ". . . in consideration of the misfortunes of Reuben Mosman late of Thomaston . . ., Master Mariner, & also, the further consideration of the dependent situation of Margaret Mosman & her children being the wife & children of said Reuben Mosman, now of said Thomaston . . ." This land abutted Merrick Mosman's land. The reference to Margaret as "wife" rather than "widow" suggests that her husband was missing and not known to be dead. The uncertainty regarding his death is also noted by Eaton who uses the phrase "supposed to be dead" in reference to Reuben (*ibid.*, 164:44; Eaton, Rockland, 1:336).

Regardless of the time, place or cause of Reuben's disappearance, his absence left Margaret in difficult straits. She died in April 1836 at the age of forty-eight. Her youngest son Daniel was eight at the time of her death. In a period of a few years she had lost

her husband, three sons and one daughter. One can only speculate about the effect that these family traumas had on her shortened life (Cora F. Wright, *Family History*, hereafter cited as Wright *Fam. Hist.*).

CHILDREN:

i. **HANNAH**[6] **S.**, b. prob. at Friendship, ME ca. 1808; m. James Murch of Castine, ME 24 October 1837. Hannah d. 15 June 1840 (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336).

ii. **MARY S.**, b. prob. at Friendship, ME ca. 1809; m. Robert S. Stockbridge of Castine, ME 12 August 1832. Robert and Mary likely had one ch. (surname **Stockbridge**): 1. *Mary Angeline* b. 5 April 1834 at Castine. Mary S. res. alone at Searsport, ME in 1900 (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336; LDS, ME, IGI, 7562; 1900 US Census ME).

iii. **REUBEN, JR.**, b. prob. at Friendship, ME ca. 1810. He was mate of the Schooner *Ann*, and d. on Nantucket 22 March 1829 (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336, 365).

iv. **ELBRIDGE**, b. prob. at Friendship, ME ca. 1813. He was steward on the Schooner *Ann*; d. 22 March 1829 on Nantucket (*ibid.*).

74. v. **GARDNER**, b. Hope, ME February 1816 (1900 US Census ME).

vi. **SARAH**, b. prob. at Thomaston, ME about 1820; m. Burton Fales December 1838. They lived in Thomaston. Sarah d. 30 December 1840. Ch. (surname **Fales**): 1. *Burton A.* b. ca. 1840; d.y. (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:337).

vii. **ANGELINE**, b. ca. 1825; d.y. (Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*).

75. viii. **DANIEL FRANCIS**, b. Thomaston 21 September 1827 (*ibid.*).

ix. MILES, prob. b. ca. 1830; d.y. (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

Capt. Gardner Mosman

Yeoman, Master Mariner, Carpenter

74. Gardner[6] Mosman (Reuben[5], Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Hope, or possibly Friendship, Maine in February 1816. He married (1) Sarah H. Shephard on 16 May 1840. No record of Sarah's parents, date or place of birth or death has been found, although she probably died before 1843 when Gardner remarried (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; 1900 US Census ME).

On 16 October 1839, Gardner *et al* sold twenty acres in Thomaston for $215, although it has not been determined when or from whom this property was acquired. Two days later he and James Murch of Thomaston paid $215 for a three-acre tract of land with buildings thereon in Thomaston on the ". . . south side of the road leading from the Baptist Meeting House to the shore village . . ." In these deeds his occupation is given as a yeoman of Thomaston (Lincoln Co. Deeds 7:177, 6:332-33).

Gardner was living in Thomaston in 1840 where he married his second wife Emeline Ghentner (or Genthner) on 21 May 1843. Emeline was born at Waldoboro, Maine on 15 December 1824, the daughter of _____&_____ (Sidelinger) Ghentner. Gardner and Emeline lived in Thomaston in 1850 with Sarah, Francisco V. and Susan G. His brother Capt. Daniel Francis also lived with them (1840 & 1850 US Census ME; Cutter, *Historic Homes*, 628; MaBVS 99:77).

Gardner made his living as a seafarer for a while. He captained the Bark *E. W. Denton*, built in Amesbury in 1851, on her maiden voyage, as it sailed from Rockland to New York with a cargo of lime. The ship, however, burned at sea on that first voyage. Considering this experience and the tragic deaths of his two brothers, it is not surprising that Gardner eventually chose a safer occupation.

Perhaps while Gardner was on a voyage, Emeline bought land in Thomaston on 20 April 1853. This land was resold to the original owner eighteen months later, however, for the family decided to move to Massachusetts sometime before 1860. Gardner, Emeline and their four oldest children were living in the Boston area in 1860 (Wright, *Fam. Hist.*; 1860 US Census MA; Knox Co. Deeds 21:242 and 21:243).

By 1877, Gardner was apparently working as a carpenter when he placed a lien on a building erected in Newton for wages due. Gardner and Emeline lived in Watertown in 1900 at the home of their daughter Sarah G. Howard. Gardner died at Watertown on 31 March 1901 of heart disease. His wife Emeline died on 9 June 1909. They are buried in Newton Cemetery (Middlesex Co. Deeds 1143:246; 1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 517:823).

CHILDREN:

i. **SARAH[7] EMMA**, b. Thomaston, ME 21 February 1844; m. Frederick H. Howard of Brighton 15 February 1865. Frederick was b. Portland, ME, the s. of Frederick and Ruth (Cotter) Howard (Cutter, *Historic Homes*, 628; MaSA 181:46).

ii. **FRANCISCO VALENTINE**, b. Thomaston, ME 12 April 1848 (MaSA 86:45).

iii. **SUSAN G.**, b. Thomaston, ME 1849; m. George R. Howard of Waltham 23 May 1866. George, an overseer, was b. Brownfield, ME, the s. of Frederick and Ruth W. Howard (MaBVS 86:45; MaSA 190:119).

iv. **MARY E.**, b. ca. 1851 (1850 US Census MA).

v. **GARDNER**, b. September 1853; d.y. 16 January 1855 (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:337).

vi. **(male)** stillb., 7 August _____ (MaSA 140:157).

vii. **LULU EDITH**, b. Boston 2 October 1862; m. Joseph Harry Hartley of Boston at Winthrop, 1 September 1883. Joseph was the s. of Henry and

Hannah Hartley (LDS, IGI, MA, 25306; MaSA 345:254).

viii. ETHEL H., b. East Boston ca. 1863; m. Frederick G. Drew at Watertown 31 August 1881. Frederick, a teamster, was b. Warren, ME, the s. of John and Lydia Drew (MaSA 326:252).

Daniel Francis (Frank) Mosman

Master Mariner, Engineer and Inventor

75. Daniel[6] Francis Mosman (Reuben[5], Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Thomaston, Maine on 21 September 1827. He married Eunice Rebecca Denton on 1 September 1850. Eunice R. was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts on 18 June 1832, the daughter of Ebenezer and Eliza Waters (Hollis) Denton (Daniel's Death Cert.; Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*; MaSA 46:44; Nat'l Arch's).

After his father's death or disappearance and his mother's death, Daniel went to work on his uncle's farm (possibly William). Farming was not to his liking and he ran away to sea before his tenth birthday. Daniel ultimately shipped aboard the *Edenburg*, and later became the second mate of that vessel, transporting Irish immigants in 1843 from Queenstown to New York. By 1850 Daniel had become a master mariner. He was in Thomaston with his brother Gardner's family when the census was taken that year, but later that year he was living with the family of Ebenezer Denton just prior to his marriage to Eunice (Wright, *Fam. Hist.*; 1850 US Census MA; *Boston Daily Globe*, 13 October 1942).

Daniel's experience as a ship captain included the command of the *Jonathon Cilley* and the *William Goddard*. He also set a record fourteen-day sailing ship passage, Boston to Gibraltor, on 13 May 1853, with the Bark *Wildfire*. In the same vessel he set another record of nineteen days and twenty hours sailing from Sandy Hook to Marseilles, France (MaSA 64:47; Wright, *Fam. Hist.*; Carl C. Cutter, "Greyhounds of the Sea," 457; *Boston Daily Globe*, 13

Captain Daniel Francis (Frank) Mosman

October 1942; William Armstrong Fairburn, *Merchant Sail* 5 [Center Lovell, ME]).

The ship *Lantea* was under Daniel's command, and with it he was in Shanghai, China on 17 November 1855. His last voyage with the merchant marine was made to Europe on the Bark *Veleta* on 16 September 1856, arriving back in Boston on 19 April 1857. After that date, he worked as a traveling salesman for the Harrington & Gardner Co. of Boston, selling paper boxes (Wright, *Fam. Hist.*).

Daniel and his family lived in Cambridge in 1860. His work as a salesman had allowed him to accumulate only $200 in personal property. When the Civil War broke out he immediately went to Washington to apply for letters of marque to go privateering, but none were issued. Abraham Lincoln was elected President on 6 November 1860, and by 1 February 1861, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas had seceded from the Union. At 4:30 a.m. on 12 April 1861, the Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter began, and the Civil War had begun (1860 US Census MA;

Eunice Rebecca (Denton) Mosman

Wright, *Fam. Hist.*). The deepening conflict between the North and the South was sufficient to convince Daniel to enlist, and he was appointed on 3 July 1861 to the rank of Acting Master in the U. S. Navy on temporary service. He reported on 8 July 1861 to the Boston Navy Yard, and his first assignments were on the U. S. Steamer *Fort Henry*, the Bark Gunboat *J. S. Chambers*, the U. S. Steamer *Flagg*, and the Frigate *St. Lawrence* (Nat'l Arch's).

Capt. Daniel F. Mosman was Acting Master of the U. S. Sloop of War *Vincennes*. He cruised the Nantucket Shoals, and subsequently went to Charleston, South Carolina. He later went to the Mississippi under the Command of Capt. Marcy from whom Daniel F. improved his professional skills. The *Vincennes*, active

in the war against the Confederacy, was a wooden three-masted ship, built about 1814. It probably had auxiliary power and was of 700 tons register. It was named after Vincennes, Indiana (Nat'l Arch's; Wright, *Fam. Hist.*; *Boston Daily Globe*, 13 October 1942).

In the Fall of 1861, Daniel returned home as the Prize Master of the Bark *Empress* of Hull, England. The *Empress* and crew were taken to the New York Navy Yard (Wright, *Fam. Hist.*; *Boston Daily Globe*, 13 October 1942), where he turned over to Naval authorities:

> "Eleven swords and scabbards (Roman type); 6 Colts revolvers; 165 Musketball cartridges; 696 percussion caps; 42 cannon primers; 11 Tyler pistols (one defective)"

Daniel also served in the Naval Squadron in the Gulf of Mexico. He was the Acting Master of the U. S. *Flag* when he boarded and captured the *Emelie* (T. W. Higginson, *Massachusetts in the Army and Navy During the War of 1861-65* 2 [Boston, 1895]:104; Wright, *Fam. Hist.*; E. K. Lawson, G.F. Colvocoresses and C. W. Stewart. *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion* [Washington, 1901], 13). Old records detail the return of the prize *Emelie*:

> "July 16,1862, Philadelphia Navy yard. Received of Acting Master D. F. Mosman, the residue of the stores comprizing the rations for 20, the prize crew of the Emelie."

> "Received of D. F. Mosman, prize master of the Emelie, the following: 6 navy swords (old style); 6 navy scabbards and belts and frogs; 6 pistols; 6 muskets and bayonets; 3 revolvers; 2 belts."

His next command was on the U. S. Gunboat *James S. Chambers*, and he was sent to Key West with orders to cruise between Cape San Antonio (Cuba) and the Yucatan Bank and the Tortugas. On 6 August 1862 he was in Key West suffering from diarrhea, an ailment that plagued him until his death (*Boston Daily Globe*, 13 October 1942; Nat'l Arch's). Managing to control his ailment, he cruised off Key West where he captured the Confederate Schooner *Carelia* and the Steamer *Union*. He found the capture of these blockade-running vessels difficult, for the officers were his friends (Wright, *Fam. Hist.*). The story of the capture of the *Union* is given

in the official report to the Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy for President Lincoln:

> "Sir, I again have the honor to inform you that the Steamer Union of Galveston, bound from Galveston to Havanna with a cargo of cotton, was this day captured by this vessel after a chase of about two hours. Upon hoisting our colors, she ran up the English ensign and I immediately ordered her to lay to until I sent a boat alongside, which she did, and had the captain, supercargo, and ten of her crew transferred to this vessel. I have placed an executive officer and 20 men on board her and dispatched her to Key West, whither we are now convoying her." "Received this fourth day of September 1862, from D. Frank Mosman, captain Sch. Chambers, US Navy, the steamship Union with her tackle, furniture, and cargo of cotton, supposed to be 350 bales." (*Boston Daily Globe*, 13 October 1942).

Probably while serving on the *Flag*, Daniel was injured on his left side by an exploding shell. The injury paralyzed his right arm and side. His sixteen months of service during the Civil War came to an end on 2 November 1862 when he resigned as Lieutenant in Command. His decision to resign probably was due, at least in part, to Clara Bell's death the preceding January. She was the fourth of his first six children to die in infancy (Nat'l Arch's; Wright, *Fam. Hist.*).

The twenty-year period after his discharge from the Navy was one of hard work, occupational change, real estate investments and business ventures. Seven new children born after 1862 added considerably to his responsibilities. He worked as a salesman, oakum maker, machinist and engineer, and he tried his hand at inventing in his efforts to support his family. This period was also one of gradually failing health largely due to the ailments incurred during his military service (Nat'l Arch's; MaSA 151:119, 160:56, 216:176, 288:236).

One of Daniel's business ventures involved the purchase of land, buildings and machinery in Cambridgeport on 14 February 1863. He mortgaged this property on 5 November 1863 for $2,500, and the mortgage was discharged on 16 October 1865. He also invested in some land and four dwellings in Somerville on 1 April

1864. The price was $2,500, perhaps his mortgage money (Middlesex Co. Deeds 898:577, 910:578, 926:60, 940:580, 940:580).

During the year 1965, the Civil War came to an end. On the ninth of April 1865, General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomatox, Virginia, and President Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Washington on 14 April 1865. After the war, Daniel's ailments continued to trouble him, and he was under the care of Dr. J. B. Fenwick from July 1873 until his death nine years later. During this time he was afflicted with chronic dysentery, bronchitis, and a severe cough caused by pleuretic adhesions of his lower left lung (Nat'l Arch's).

The family moved from Cambridge to Chelsea about 1865, and on 31 August 1865, he sold his property in Somerville for $2,400. Eunice released her right of dower. They were living in Chelsea in 1870 with five of their children. At that time he made his living as a journeyman machinist. By 1880, the family included nine children and the family was located in East Boston (Middlesex Co. Deeds 955:38; 1870 & 1880 US Census MA).

Daniel F. was proud, sensitive, ambitious and self-reliant. He was thoroughly honest and generous and thought everyone else was. He was a brave man, a loving father and devoted husband. He was fond of reading, and studied a lot, with engineering and math his best subjects. He was skilled in seamanship, navigation, minor surgery and languages. He attended a commercial college, and was fond of reading Shakespeare, Byron, Dickens, Maryatt and Mark Twain (Wright, *Fam. Hist.*).

Daniel F. died of consumption on 22 July 1882 in East Boston. He was buried at Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy. Eunice applied for a widow's pension on 14 October 1883. The Application No. was 3624 and the Certificate No. 6971. She was listed as the widow of a civil war veteran in 1890 (MaSA 339:183; Wright, *Fam. Hist.*; Nat'l Arch's Pension Index; B. L. Dilts, *1890 Mass. Census Index of Civil War Veterans or Their Widows* [Salt Lake, 1985]).

Rebecca continued to make her home in East Boston where she was a member of the Mavenick Congregational Church. She lived in Cambridge in 1900 with her children Leuign I., Ethel R. and

Charles W., and in 1916 she lived in So. Portland, Maine, probably with her daughter Cora (Nat'l Arch's; 1900 US Census MA).

Eunice died of bronchitis on 19 March 1918 at Quincy, Massachusetts, at the home of her son Charles. She is buried at Mt. Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy. She was remembered as a slender girl with big brown eyes and long brown curls (MaBVS 98:169; Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*; Wright, *Fam. Hist.*).

CHILDREN:

i. **FRANCIS[7] WARREN**, b. Cambridge 26 July 1851; d.y. 16 September 1851 (MaSA 52:46; Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*).

ii. **CORA FRANCES**, b. Cambridge 7 October 1852; m. (1) Francis Hallett Willard, a carpenter of Chelsea, 4 January 1882. Frank H. was b. Cambridge 14 December 1847, the s. of Samuel L. and Mary Jane (Rowe) Willard. Cora m. (2) Albertie A. Wright of South Portland, ME, 19 July 1911. Cora F. d. after 1940 (MaSA 64:47, 336:235, 121:83; Frances (Mosman) Chase letter to Cora Wright dated 6 December 1928). [Cora wrote an article about her father which gives many facts and personal characteristics about him].

iii. **MARGARET ELIZA**, (Lillie) b. Braintree 16 December 1855. She was boarding at 97 Falcon St. Boston in 1900. Lillie was a nurse. She d. 15 February 1929 of liver cancer, and is buried at Forestdale Cemetery, Malden (1900 US Census MA; Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*; MaBVS 47:384).

iv. **FREDERICK DE VALSTON**, b. Cambridge 27 August 1857; d. 30 August 1858 (MaSA 106:80; Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*).

v. **WILLIAM TRAIN**, b. Cambridge 1 November 1859 (MaSA 124: 56).

vi. **WARREN DENTON**, b. Cambridge 13 November 1860; d. "Cambrige Port" 12 May 1861 of whooping cough (MaSA 133:6, 148:59).

vii. **CLARA BELL**, b. Cambridge 31 January 1862; d. 14 September 1862 of cholera (MaSA 151:119, 157:116).

viii. **FRANKLIN AUGEL**, b. Cambridge 6 August 1863 (*ibid.*, 160: 56).

ix. **LINCOLN SEWARD**, b. 27 January 1865; d. 11 October 1868 of croup (Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*; MaSA 220:65).

x. **ELMER WATERS**, b. Chelsea 8 September 1868 (Chelsea V.R.).

xi. **LEUIGN IRVING**, b. Chelsea 5 October 1869; m. Hattie May Murray 2 August 1904. Leuign, of Cambridge, bought one-half of the "Pond Lot" and bldgs. in No. Reading 16 April 1902. Leuign I. d. after 1902. No further record (Chelsea V.R.; Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*; Middlesex Co. Deeds 2958:504).

xii. **MARION ALEIGN**, b. Chelsea 19 July 1873; d. at Boston 3 December 1889 of heart failure due to typhoid fever (MaSA 252:222, 402:400).

xiii. **ETHEL REBECCA**, b. Chelsea 21 February 1877; m. Arthur Elmer Carroll 24 June 1901. Arthur was b, 25 December 1878, the s. of John Innis and Emma Frances (Ricker) Carroll. Ethel R. d. 15 March 1967 at Bath, ME and is bur. Sheepscott, ME. Ch. (surname **Carroll**): 1. *Ruth Evelyn* b. Cambridge 5 July 1902; m. Thomas Billington Leighton of Alna, ME 27 June 1925. Thomas was b. 27 March 1902 at Alna, and he d. 9 October 1967. He is bur. Sheepscott, ME. [Doris Louise (Leighton) Pierce, b. 23 February 1929, the dau. of Thomas and Ruth Evelyn (Caroll) Leighton, was a generous contributor to the data in this branch of the Mosman fam.]. 2. *Elmer Frederick* b. 10 November 1905; m. Charlotte Briggs of Auburn, ME 20 September 1930. Elmer

Ethel Rebecca (Mosman) Carroll

F. d. 15 July 1975 at Fort Coral, FL. (Chelsea V.R.; Pierce, *Mosman Fam.*; MaBVS 513:319).

xiv. CHARLES WILBERT, (Bert) b. Chelsea 2 December 1878 (Chelsea VRs).

William Mosman

Farmer, Pedlar

32. William[5] Mosman (Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 27 April 1794. The place of birth is uncertain, but it was in either Lincoln, Massachusetts or Maine. He married Lucy Safford of Hope, Knox County, Maine on 6 December 1817. Lucy was born at Hope, Maine on 7 November 1801, the daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Philbrick) Safford (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; MaSA 294:367).

Early in life William learned to invest in land, probably from his father. He witnessed his father's purchase of seventy acres of land on 6 October 1815 on the St. Georges River in Hope, and he bought an adjacent seven acres and sold one hundred acres in Hope for $735, the original grantor of which has not been determined (Knox Co. Deeds 93:51; 98:228; 132:380).

William lived in Hope in 1820. There were two persons in his home that year in addition to himself, his wife Lucy and daughter Delora. A male, farming with him, is unidentified, but was born between 1794 and 1804. In addition to farming, he attempted to make money in minor business ventures, e.g., he bought a lime quarry in Hope in 1836 for $100, an investment he sold on 17 March 1836 for $332. In 1850 he was a pedlar, living with the family of Morgan Wentworth (1820-1850 US Censuses ME; Waldo Co. Deeds 19:302, 21:352).

William died before 1856 at Rockland, according to Eaton, at approximately age sixty-one. The cause has not been determined. Lucy was living in the nearby town of Warren in 1860. She owned land in Camden, and in 1870 she was staying with the family of James and Lydia (her sister) Bridges (1860 & 1870 US Censuses; Knox Co. Deeds 22:30; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337).

Lucy S. died, a widow, at Sterling, Massachusetts on 21 July 1877 at the home of her daughter. She left a will, and her daughter Delora was the Executrix of her mother's estate. Lucy's will was made on 2 October 1872 at Sterling. Her children and her grandson Charles H. Van Duzer were the heirs of her estate. Lucy left bank accounts in Worcester and Boston to her grandson

Charles and her daughter Delora, respectively. She left miscellaneous silverware to her daughter Catherine Fuller and the residue of her estate to her grandson Charles Van Duyzer (MaSA 294:367; Worcester Co. Probate 42188).

CHILDREN:

i. **WILLIAM[6] REUBEN**, b. ME ca. 1818. He lived Hope, ME and became a mariner; m. (1) the wid. Sybil (Drinkwater) Parker 8 May 1842. Sybil was b. , the dau. of Lemuel and Rachael (Veazie) Drinkwater and the wid. of Capt. Silas Parker who d. 20 September 1840. Sybil Mosman, Martha Townsend, Rachael Ann Pendleton, Mary Ann Drinkwater and Gilman Sylvester quitclaimed land in the estate of Lemuel Drinkwater on 25 April 1850. Sybil d. 15 February 1881. William R., a ship captain, m. (2) Catherine Joyce 13 September 1856. Catherine was the dau. of William and Matilda Joyce. William R., referred to as Reuben S., was an heir to his m.'s estate in 1877, but his whereabouts was unknown. William R. d. before 17 June 1889, when Kate, his widowed second w., d. at Lawrence of heart disease. Ch. 1. *Allan A.* (conjectural) b. 10 March 1843 (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; Belfast V.R., 300 and 606; Waldo Co. Deeds 71:414; Rockport V.R., 247; MaSA 400:282; Worcester Co. Probate 42188).

ii. **DELORA**, b. ME 14 March 1820; m. Charles Van Duyzer at Charlestown 29 September 1842. They lived in Charlestown for a while, but were living in Sterling in 1877 and 1898. Ch. (surname **Van Duyzer**): 1. *Charles* b. ca. 1843 (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; MaSA 2:348; Worcester Co. Probate 42188; Knox Co. Probate 4387).

iii. **ORRIS B.**, b. ME 30 January 1822; m. at Rockland on 30 October 1870, Margaret A. Hunt of Camden. Margaret was b. 29 April 1844. At the time of his m. his real estate was valued at $3,000, and his personal property $1,800. Orris,

like his f., was a pedlar in 1877. Orris and Margaret res. Camden in 1880. He d. testate at Rockport 4 April 1898. She sold several pieces of property from his estate, with the last sale taking place 28 March 1904. Margaret res. Rockport in 1900 and d. there 15 February 1927 (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; Rockport V.R.; 1870-1900 US Censuses ME; Worcester Co. Probate 42188; Knox Co. Deeds 191:460, 103:94, 117:189, 123:245, 125:17, 135:121; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

76. iv. **ALBION PARRIS**, b. ME 1 April 1825 (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337).

v. **CATHERINE**, b. ME 18 February 1828; m. Hezekiah Fuller 4 March 1847. They lived in Hope, ME, res'g. there in 1877. They were living in Searsmont in 1898. Ch. (surname **Fuller**): 1. *George W.* b. _____. 2. *Orrison B.* b. _____. 3. *Charles H.* b. _____. 4. *Sarah H.* b. _____; m. Thorndike. 5. *Lucy S.* b. _____. Lucy m. H. A. Luce _____. (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; Knox Co. Probate 4387; Worcester Co. Probate 42188; Knox Co. Deeds 117:189).

vi. **MARY J.**, b. ca. 1829; d.y. (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337).

77. vii. **JAMES S.**, b. ca. 1830 (1850 US Census ME).

viii. **HENRY W.**, b. Rockland ca. 1830; m. (1) Cordelia Howard 30 November 1851 at Framingham. Cordelia was b. Lyme, NH. ca. 1829, the dau. of Dennis Howard. Henry m. (2) Frances M. Bruce of So. Reading 31 March 1858. Frances was b. Mt. Vernon, NH ca. 1837, the dau. of Nathaniel and Frances (Tory) Bruce. In 1860, Henry, a trader; his wife Frances and son George H. res. at So. Reading. Henry and fam. lived in NY, KS (see place of b. of ch.) and in San Jose, CA. Henry W. prob. d. before 1880, for he was not enumerated in CA

with his w. and ch. in 1880. Frances res. San Jose with their three youngest dau.'s in 1880. Ch. 1. *Lizzie* b. Natick 28 October 1856; prob. d.y. since not an heir of Orris B.'s estate. 2. *George H.* b. So. Reading 26 June 1858; d. 28 August 1862. 3. *Gertrude* b. NY ca. 1863; m. _____ Roberts. 4. *Jessie M.* b. NY ca. 1868; m. _____Hubbard. 5. *Fannie B.* b. KS ca. 1874; m. Dent (MaSA 55:79, 115:171, 118:121, 157:218; 1860 US Census MA; 1880 US Census CA; MaSA 97:214; Knox Co. Probate 4387).

78. **viii.** **JUDSON ADONIRAM**, b. 3 Febrary 1836.

Albion Parris Mosman

Ship Carpenter and Cooper

76. Albion[6] Parris Mosman (William[5], Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was probably born at Hope, Knox County, Maine on 1 April 1825. He married (1) Harriet A. Harrington of Rockland, Maine on 1 August 1848. Harriet was born in Maine about 1832 (Lillie B. Caswell, *The History of the Town of Royalston Massachusetts* [Royalston, 1917], 338, hereafter cited as Caswell, *Royalston*; 1850 US Census ME).

As a young man Albion P. farmed for a living. Later he was a sailor, and traveled to the West Indies and South America. He learned ship's carpentry in Rockland, Maine, then a large center of shipbuilding. On 18 September 1848, shortly after his marriage, Albion, a yeoman of East Thomaston, Maine, purchased a house and land there for $445. Their life there was interrupted by Harriet's death in October 1858 (Caswell, *Royalston*, 338; Lincoln Co. Deeds 5:64).

Alice (Maines) Barford (or Boxford) became Albion's second wife on 29 November 1859 at South Reading. Alice was born about 1837, the daughter of Richard and Alice Maines. Their marriage ended probably with Alice's death, which has not been found, but no doubt before Albion's third marriage (MaSA 127:137).

Albion's third marriage was to Maria Coolidge of Sterling on 1 April 1860. Maria was born at Troy, New Hampshire in June 1826, the daughter of Barak and Nancy (Harris) Coolidge. They made their home in Rockland, Maine, and in 1860 they were enumerated there in the census with their daughter Harriet. Albion purchased land in Rockland on 13 January 1861 which had previously been taken from him by legal judgment (MaSA 137:245, 137:229; 1860 US Census ME; Lincoln Co. Deeds 2:393, 1:5-7).

The family made a significant decision to move to Massachusetts in February of 1864. That month Albion sold, for $500, the house he had purchased in 1848. In June 1864, Albion P. purchased a farm in the north part of Royalston. He and his family lived there until 1896 when they moved to Royalston Center and stayed until the Fall of 1904 (Lincoln Co. Deeds 10:163; Caswell, *Royalston*, 338; 1900 US Census MA).

On 12 May 1902, Albion P., his sister Delora, both of Worcester County, and his brother Judson A. of Chattanooga, Tennesee sold two parcels of land, one in Rockland and one in Rockport, Maine, containing one hundred acres. Albion P.'s wife Maria C. and Judson A.'s wife Hannah J. signed the legal documents relinguishing their right of dower. Clara L. Mosman, Judson's daughter, was a witness (Lincoln Co. Deeds 112:531).

Maria's death record has not been found, although she apparently died after the sale of the Maine properties. Albion's death occurred on 27 October 1909 at Shaftsbury, Vermont, perhaps at the home of his daughter Harriet. He is buried in Royalston (VT V.R.; Caswell, *Royalston*, 388).

CHILDREN:

i. **HARRIET[7] A.**, b. Rockland, ME about 1849 She was m. 18 October 1890, by Rev. D. Foster, Congregational Minister of Royalston, to Levi Frank Smith, a farmer of Winchendon. Levi was b. Winchendon ca. 1851, the s. of Levi G. and Arvilla Smith. They lived in Watervliet, NY and poss. Shaftsbury, VT (1860 US Census ME; MaSA 408:423; Caswell, *Royalston*, 388).

ii. **CHARLES A.**, b. ME ca. 1853. He was a dentist at Ogden, UT. He m. Laura ____. They were living at Ogden in 1900. Laura was b. June 1862 (1900 US Census UT)

iii. **MARY F.**, b. ME ca. 1857; m. Albert A. Fuller of North Appleton, ME (Caswell, *Royalston*, 388).

CHILDREN by Maria Coolidge:

iv. **EDWIN J.**, b. ME 2 April 1863; m. Georgianna M. Willis of Jamaica Plain, 29 May 1888. Georgianna was b. Taunton, 1 May 1860, the dau. of George and Ellen (Kyziah) Myrick Willis. Edwin attended Bryant and Stratton Business School. They res. at Waltham in 1900. Edwin's d. record has not been found. Georgianna d. at Waltham 17 February 1957, age ninety-five (Caswell, *Royalston*, 388; MaSA 390:86; 1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 101:321).

v. **ELLEN MARIA**, b. Royalston 19 February 1865; d. Royalston 23 June 1874 (MaSA 179:207, 267:373).

vi. **WILLIAM A.**, (conjectural) b. Royalston 2 February 1873; d. 26 August 1875 (*ibid.*, 267:292).

James S. Mosman

Butcher, Shoemaker, Trader

77. James[6] S. Mosman (William[5], Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Rockland, Maine about 1830. He married (1) Abigail (Abby) Symonds at Natick on 15 April 1851. The marriage was performed by Rev. W. H. Watson, Baptist Minister. Abby was born in South Reading about 1837, the daughter of Obed Symonds (1880 US Census ME; MaSA 115:213).

It is assumed that James' boyhood was spent in Maine, for at the age of twenty he was boarding with the family of William Pendleton, Jr. in Rockland. After their marriage in 1851, he and Abby settled in Natick where are two Middlesex County deeds involving them in the early 1850s. On 16 November 1853 he sold a dwelling and lot to Obed Symonds, perhaps Abby's father or brother, of South Reading, for $1,400, and on 16 January 1854 he sold a small lot in Natick to Charles Cole (1850 US Census ME; Middlesex Co. Deeds 665:343, 705:485).

The first relocation for this family was to South Reading, probably to live with or near Abby's parents. They were residents of South Reading when, on 21 February 1855, they disposed of the last of their property in Natick for $1,000. James had purchased this lot on 3 March 1854 for $450. Their son James was born in South Reading in 1858. Thus it appears that they spent the years 1853 to 1858 there. These records indicate that he worked at various trades, for he is referred to as a "trader," butcher and shoemaker (Middlesex Co. Deeds 677:101, 697:349; MaSA 115:213).

Although their son Henry indicated he was born in Vineland, New Jersey in August 1864, it is unlikely unless he was an adoptee. It is not clear when they moved to New York state, but the 1900 census indicates that their son Frank was born there about 1861. Thus they probably moved to New York about 1859. A Maine probate record indicates that the family was located in Mt. Morris, New York in 1877, and they were in that same town in 1880 with their five youngest children. The family lived, therefore, in New York at least twenty-one years (Worcester Co. Probate 42188; 1880 & 1900 US Census; Knox Co. ME Probate 4387).

Abby's date and place of death have not been determined, but it was probably after 1880. It also is unclear when James married his second wife, but her given name was Alta L. _____. The same Maine probate record indicates that he was in San Jose, California in 1898, and it is reasonable to assume he died there. His death occurred after 4 April 1898 and before 19 May 1903 (Knox Co. Probate 4387).

CHILDREN:

i. **WILLIAM[7] O.**, b. prob. at South Reading July 1856 (1880 US Census NY).

ii. **JAMES ORRIS**, b. South Reading 25 August 1858 (MaSA 115:213).

iii. **FRANK JUDSON**, b. NY ca. 1861; m. Sarah Lenora Alvord at Elmira NY, 15 November 1883. Sarah was b. Oconomowoc, WI, 21 October 1862. Lived in OH in 1898. Ch. 1. *Myrtle May* b. Buffalo, NY, 28 September 1884. She was an inmate of the St. Vincent F. O. Asylum & Industrial in 1900. She m. _____ O'Day. 2. *Abby Belle* b. Fort Collins, CO. 12 September 1885; d. July 1886. 3. *Flora Dell* b. Buffalo 5 March 1887. She lived with her m. Lenora (Alvord) Mosman Furiner, and at the same institution as her sis. in 1900. She m. Blackman. Frank and Lenora poss. div. while in CO. She m._____ Furiner (1880 & 1900 US Census NY; S. M. Alvord, *Alvord Genealogy 1645-1908* [Webster, NY, 1908], 591).

iv. **CLARENCE E.**, b. NY, May 1864; m. Irene _____, b. Wisconsin February 1863. They res. at Walden Co. CO in 1900 (1900 US Census NY; Knox Co. Probate 4387).

v. **HENRY ALPHONSO**, b. Vineland, NJ, August 1864 (1900 US Census NY). [This obviously inconsistent date is suspect for another reason. [See Volume 2].

vi. **MINNIE CORA**, (conjectural) b. 22 February 1868; d. 6 May 1875 (*Tree Talks*, V. 16, No. 2, 2 June 1976).

vii. **MYRTA D.**, b. prob. NY ca. 1869 (1880 Census NY).

viii. **GLORA MAY**, b. prob. NY ca. 1875 (*ibid.*).

Judson Adoniram Mosman

Judson Adoniram Mosman

Carpenter, Lumberman

78. Judson[6] Adoniram Mosman (William[5], Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 3 February 1833 probably at East Thomaston (later Rockland), Maine. Judson married Hannah Jane Moore at Natick on 5 May 1863. Hannah was born on 14 May 1835 at Mt. Vernon, Kennebec County Maine, the daughter of Joseph and Ellen (Bean) Moore (Nat'l Arch's; MaSA 163:127).

The spelling of Judson's middle name given here is biblical, and uncertain. Adinoram is a variation found for him in early Massachusetts records.

At the age of sixteen Judson A. was living in Warren, Lincoln Co., Maine with the family of Silas P. Watts. He was five feet eight and one-half inches tall with a fair complexion, grey eyes and brown hair (Nat'l Arch's; 1850 US Census ME).

Judson A. lived with his aunt Mary F. (Moore) Moulton while learning carpentry skills. This vocation is confirmed in various records, and probably was his primary source of income throughout life. He went to California, perhaps as early as 1850, lured by the excitment of the Gold Rush. This movement of peoples was not migration in the sense of families traveling with the expectation of staying. It was more a hysterical stampede from the East to the Sacramento Valley in California (W. E. Woodward, *The Way Our People Lived.* [New York, 1944], 244-245).

Assuming Judson left for California about 1850, he probably traveled by ship around Cape Horn. There is no evidence that he accumulated any gold, but he probably lived in or near San Francisco where he enlisted in the army for three years as a private on 29 January 1863.

He served in Co. E, 2nd Mass. Vol. Cavalry. Northern Generals regarded the cavalry as saber-weilding shock troops, but the horsemen soon found, however, that they were more effective riding to the action then dismounting to shoot. In fact, breachloading and repeating rifles effectively turned the course of the war to the Union and contributed to the obsolescence of

the cavalry (Swafford Johnson, *History of the U. S. Cavalry* [Greenwich, CT, 1985].

Judson with his (Chicopee) sword

Judson was captured on 22 February 1864 at Dranesville, Virginia and confined at Richmond. On 4 March, he was transferred to Americus, Georgia and confined in Andersonville Prison. While in prison Judson was hospitalized with "scorbutus," or scurvy, and lost a large part of his hearing while in prison due to exposure. He was paroled at Savannah and sent to Camp Parole in Maryland on 26 November 1864. By 7 January 1865, he was at Camp Distribution, Virginia where he was mustered out of the military on 20 July 1865 as a Sergeant at Fairfax County Court House, Virginia (MaSA 242: 265; p.c. Wallace[8] Mosman; Nat'l Arch's).

Hannah probably lived in Natick while Judson completed his military service. Land conveyances during the period 1866 to 1873 by her alone suggest that Judson may have spent time elsewhere, perhaps in Rockland, Maine. Hannah later sold these

Judson, Hannah and Clara Leota

properties at a substantial profit. Although he may have been away on occasion, Judson did spend enough time in Natick to become a Trustee of the Second-Methodist Episcopal Church in which capacity he was involved in land purchases and sales from 1868 to 1870 (Nat'l Arch's; Worcester Co. Probate 42188; Middlesex Co. Deeds 1097:545, 1098:3, 1167:389, 1172:122, 1243:204, 1052:317, 1107:294, and 1127:489).

Judson and Hannah moved to Michigan in 1878. They lived in Travis City and Northport, and were enumerated in Leelanaw Twp., Leelanaw County, Michigan in 1880. Their five surviving children lived with them. Judson was a lumberman and remained in that state until 1885, when the family moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee (Middlesex Deeds 1338:617; 1880 US Census MI; Nat'l Arch's).

Judson settled at Lookout Mt. in the St. Elmo area of Hamilton County, Tennesee. There he was a partner in a sawmill and lumber business. He worked as a contractor and carpenter, and during that time built three Victorian houses there which were standing in 1986 (Nat'l Arch's).

Judson A. had applied for a military pension on 19 October 1884 while a resident of Leelanaw County, Michigan. The Application Number was 52823 and the Certificate Number was 388683. Hannah J. applied for a widow's pension in November 1922 while living in Hamilton County. The Application Number was 1196456 and the Certificate Number was 927308 (Nat'l Arch. Pens. Index).

Judson A. may also have lived for a time in Pennsylvania in 1898 (Knox Co., ME Probate 4387).

Judson A. died, age eighty-nine, at St. Elmo on 26 October 1922 of arteriosclerosis, and is interred in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga with his wife Hannah. She died there on 19 October 1923, age eighty-eight (Nat'l Arch's).

[Edward[9] Norman Mosman, Judson's great grandson, contributed to the details of this account of his ancestor, and was helpful in finding and offering other data for Volume 2]

CHILDREN:

i. **ALBERT**[7] **JOHNSON**, b. Natick 20 June 1866 (MaSA 187:203).

ii. **LENA MAYBELLE**, b. Natick 10 February 1868; m. Gonea Gagnon. They lived in Flint, MI. Ch. (surname **Gagnon**): 1. *Eleanor.* 2. *Delora.* 3. *Ralph.* 4. *Joseph.* Lena was killed in a truck accident ca. 1941-44 (MaSA 206:221; p.c. Wallace[8] D. Mosman).

iii. **CLARA LEOTA**, (twin) b. Natick 10 January 1870; d. Worcester ca. 1880 (MaSA 224:223, 321:484).

iv. **CLARENCE LEON**, (twin) b. Natick 10 January 1870. He lived in Ashville, NC; m. Pauline . Clarence died ca. 1930. Ch. 1. *Mary Leota* b. Ashville ca. 1880; m. Sam Hampton _____ (MaSA 224:222; p.c. Stephen[9] A. Mosman).

v. **JUDSON ADONIRAM**, **JR.**, b. Natick 29 June 1871; d. 10 September 1871 of cholera infantum (Nat'l Arch's; MaSA 239:200).

vi. **WALTER J.**, b. Natick 23 July 1872; d. Natick 26 August 1872 of umbilicum hemorrhage (MaSA 242:247, 248: 232; Nat'l Arch's).

vii. **WALLACE DICKERSON**, b. Natick 22 August 1875 (Nat'l Arch's).

Aaron Mosman, Jr.

Yeoman and Gentleman

33. Aaron[5] **Mosman**, **Jr.** (Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born on 10 April 1797 probably at Camden, Knox County, Maine. He married Experience, or Achsa Andrews on 20 December 1829 at Camden. Achsa was born on 27 February 1812 (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; ME V.R., before 1892).

Aaron was six feet tall, had blue eyes, light brown hair and a light complexion when he enlisted in the military during the War of 1812. He enlisted on 3 August 1814 with his father's permission, taking the place of Israel Gregory who had been drafted. He served in Capt. Jacob Auld's Massachusetts Militia and at Fort George, and was discharged on 3 November 1814 (Nat'l Arch's).

Aaron of Thomaston, actively bought and sold Maine land. The first property was a seventy-four acre lot in Camden on 19 January 1829 for which he paid $1,000. He sold the same lot on 17 November 1832 for $1,300. He also bought a twenty-acre lot in Camden on 19 March 1829 for $120 and sold it on 25 January 1833 for $300 (Waldo Co. Deeds 4:104, 4:170, 27:228 and 27:235).

Aaron was involved in a cooperative venture to produce lime or to rent such commercial property. On 30 March 1830, he sold a seven-eighths interest in three lime kilns and the same fraction of the rent from a shoemaker's shop for $175. Aaron bought thirty-two acres in Camden on 29 June 1833 for $800 and ten acres in Thomaston in 1833. On 10 September 1855, Aaron sold his son Mial three properties including ten acres in Thomaston for $100, thirty-five acres in Rockland for $300, and thirty-five acres in Camden. Other land transactions were the sale of twenty acres in Camden and seventy-four acres in Camden. Aaron is referred to as a Gentleman in county deeds, suggesting that business activities and land investments were how he made his living (Lincoln Co. Deeds 151:159; Waldo Co. Deeds 14:155, 25:54, 27:235, 27:236, 54:155 and 93:174).

The family's Camden residence is confirmed by the 1860 Federal census. Mial and Wealthy A. and their daughter Helen were living with them. The value of Aaron's real estate was $2,000; his personal property was given a value of $500. By 1870 Aaron, Achsa and Mial and his family were living at Union. It was from Union that he submitted, on 28 March 1871, his pension application. The Application Number was 16473 and the Certificate Number 21667. He received a pension until his death at Union on 23 March 1876. Achsa applied for a widow's pension on 26 March 1878. Her Application Number was 14320 and the Certificate Number 8197 (1860 & 1870 US Census ME; Nat'l Arch's).

Achsa died at Union on 26 August 1893, a widow, and was buried there (ME V.R., 1892-1918).

CHILDREN:

i. **MIAL**[6], b. 23 March 1831 at Rockport; m. Wealthy Ann Clough 22 December 1855. Wealthy was b. at Rockport, ME 17 November 1835, the dau. of Benjamin and Wealthy (Tolman) Clough. Mial and Wealthy quitclaimed their interest in the estate of Calvin Tolman to her f. Benjamin, 1 November 1856. The property was located near Tolman Pond. Mial actively bought land in Rockland: one hundred acres on 10 April 1863, eighty-eight acres on 13 February, forty acres on 8 November 1865, and sixty acres more on the same date. Mial and Wealthy res. Union in 1870 with his parents, and at Union with his mother in 1880 and 1900. Mial d. intestate at Union 25 December 1900, and Wealthy d. testate at Union 12 April 1912. Her dau. was the only heir. Ch. 1. *Helen* b. 9 September 1856 at Rockport; m. Elden L. Cummings 9 February 1878. Helen d. ca. 1932. 2. *Hudson* b. 30 October 1861; d. 15 April 1872. (LDS, IGI, ME, N0202, 5444; Eaton, *Rockland*; ME V.R.; Rockport V.R.; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Knox Co. Deeds 27:159, 8:162, 11:79, 15:72 and 19:116; 1870, 1880 & 1900 US Censuses ME; Knox Co. Probate 4871, 6999).

Merrick Mosman

Yeoman, Real Estate Investor

34. Merrick[5] **Mosman** (Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Thomaston, Maine on 8 December 1803. He married Elizabeth Ott of Camden, Maine on 10 October 1824. Elizabeth was born at Camden on 19 August 1799, the daughter of Peter and Beulah (Upham) Ott (Thomaston V.R., 2:4; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; DAR 2931; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

Merrick continued the tradition of land investment established by his father. On 1 May 1824, at the age of twenty, Merrick purchased his first piece of land in Thomaston from John Blackington. The lot contained one and one-half acres, for which he paid thirty dollars, and was located on the easterly side of Maddambetricks Brook (Lincoln Co. Deeds, 130:312).

Merrick bought two lots from his father. One contained twenty-three acres and was located near the outlet of Tolman Pond in Thomaston. The other was located in Camden near Daniel Packard's land and contained twenty-five acres. The date was 12 April 1825 and the price was $550. He also purchased on that date three lots in Thomaston from his father for $1,200. Sally, Merrick's step-mother, relinquished her right of dower in both sales. These sales were conditional upon his providing for "the support and maintainance" of Aaron and Sally, "during their natural lives" (Waldo Co. Deeds 130:309, 130:310, 130:314-315).

On 22 September 1825, with four others, Merrick purchased a small lot on the bay, paying $12.50 for his share. This was perhaps an abortive business venture, for he sold his one-eighth share of this property on 19 August 1826. The property included a lime kiln and wharf, and the price was $175. The acquisition of property continued during the year 1827. He purchased one hundred and two acres of land in Thomaston for $630 on 11 April 1827. About two weeks later, he and his father sold twenty-two acres in Thomaston for $575. Elbridge, his nephew, was a witness to the sale. Merrick sold twenty acres in Thomaston for $460 on 3 September 1827 (Lincoln Co. Deeds 137:82, 139:178, 143:224, 145:79, 145:154).

These land investments enabled him to accumulate sufficient assets to build a new house. The contract deed is dated 1 August 1829, and contained the construction details of a new, 38' x 26', two-story home painted yellow with red roof trim. The house was located on his farm and cost $1,000 plus the ". . . house in which . . . Mosman now lives." (*ibid.*, 150:124).

Merrick continued to purchase and sell land in the Thomaston and Camden area during the 1830s and 1840s. By 1840 his household consisted of fourteen persons including his seven children, his father and his step-mother, he and his wife, and

three others. (Lincoln Co. Deeds 153:151, 153:478, 160:167, 12:357, 2:82-83; 1840 US Census ME; Lincoln Co. Deeds 5:219, 5:365, 5:366, 5:577, 6:353, 6:564).

It is likely that Merrick contracted an illness in the year 1844 for, on 4 October 1844, three years before his death, Merrick purchased lot #26 (10 x 25 feet) in North Thomaston Cemetery. He died intestate at East Thomaston on 17 October 1847 at the age of forty-three (Lincoln Co. Deeds 10:298, 68:6; Thomaston V.R.).

After Merrick's death, Eliza, of East Thomaston, bought three and one-half acres, in reversion of the widow's dower, at auction, for $18. This land was part of Merrick's estate, and the date was 17 May 1849. Other lands from his estate were sold at public auction that month, and land in Camden was sold the next month. Eliza, a widow, lived in Rockland in 1850 with her six youngest children. By 1870 she and Ameldah lived in Rockland, a town which separated from Thomaston on 28 July 1848. Eliza's total estate that year was valued at $1,100. She died on 28 March 1891 at the age of ninetyone (Waldo Co. Deeds 63:576, 69:6, 66:411; 1850 & 1870 US Census ME; DAR 2931).

CHILDREN:

i. **MALVINA**[6], b. prob. at Thomaston 29 June 1828; m. Enoch Hinckley Heald 16 September 1849. Enoch was b. 16 September 1823. Malvina d. 29 June 1915. Ch. (surname Heald): 1. *Laura C.*, b. 12 July 1850. 2. *Frederick L.*, b. 24 August 1852; d. 23 December 1858. 3. *Adelaide M.* b. 16 February 1854; d. 6 November 1900 (Thomaston V.R. 2:3; Eaton, *Rockland* 1:336-337; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*, 4).

ii. **MILES**, b. Thomaston 6 June 1830; d. 15 September 1848 (Thomaston V.R., 2:3; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

79. iii. **MAREUEL**, b. Thomaston 5 January 1833 (Thomaston V.R., 2:3; DAR 175033).

iv. **MARIA S.**, b. Thomaston 10 August 1834; m. (1) Cyrus Hughes 24 August 1852. Cyrus d. at sea in

1855, and Maria m. (2) Capt. Samuel S. Conary 5 May 1860. Samuel was b. ca. 1828, and d. 4 December 1891. They lived in Rockland. Maria (Mosman) Hughes Conary d. 22 August 1910. Ch. (surname **Hughes**): 1. *Herbert Leslie* b. ca. 1853. 2. *Effie* b. June 1854. Ch. (surname **Conary**): 3. *F. Clifton* b. 30 May 1861; d. 1 December 1861. 4. *Edward P.* b. 17 November 1863; d.y. 5. *William* b. _____ (Thomaston V.R. 2:3; Eaton, *Rockland* 1:336-337; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

v. MARILLA, b. Thomaston 29 February 1836; m. William F. Dean 26 November 1854. They lived in Rockland, ME. William F. was b. 12 October 1833 and d. 20 October 1889. Marilla d. 17 February 1926 (Thomaston V.R. 2:3; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

vi. EZEKIEL D., b. Thomaston 26 August 1837. He lived in Rockland and became a Teamster, etc. He d. after 1850 (Thomaston V.R. 2:3; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:337; 1850 US Census ME).

vii. MARY MARINDA, b. Thomaston 27 July 1840; m. George A. Drew 24 November 1858. They res. Rockland and later CA. George d. 24 October 1870. Mary M. d. 19 March 1872. Ch. (surname **Drew**): 1. *Mary Elizabeth* b. Rockland 30 July 1860; d. ca. 1872. 2. *Frank Alton* b. 25 November 1861 Knox Co. (Thomaston V.R., 2:3; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; LDS, IGI, ME, N0192, 2114, 2113).

viii. ALMEDA S., b. Thomaston 4 February 1845. Almeda m. Capt. John Vickery Chandler 8 July 1877. John was b. Millbridge, ME, 26 October 1844, and d. 2 February 1888. Almeda was a good cook, although she was very thin. She made her living sorting sardines at Tilson's Wharf in Rockland. She d. 19 November 1923. Ch. (surname **Chandler**): 1. *Jennie* b. 11 December 1878; m. Leroy McMahon 16 September 1922. Jennie d. ca. 1965. 2. *Vernon Arthur* b. Rockland 30 March

1882; m. Glenice Nina Brown at Rockland 5 June 1902. Glennie was b. 5 July 1882. She was a dressmaker, and Vernon A. was a gas fitter. He d. at Bangor 15 January 1930 by suicide, and Glennie d. at Bangor 23 August 1935 of uterine cancer. (Almeda's Death Cert.; Vernon A.'s Marriage Cert.; Vernon A.'s Death Cert.; Glennie's Death Cert.; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*; Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337). [Robert Chandler, Almeda's great grandson, kindly provided vital records and the details about her].

Mareuel Mosman

Mariner, Carpenter

79. Mareuel[6] **Mosman** (Merrick[5], Aaron[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Thomaston (later Rockland), Maine on 5 January 1833. He married Bathesheba L., aka Abasha, Ewell of Camden, Maine on 22 September 1853. Bathsheba was born in Maine on 6 August 1836 (MeSA, V.R. before 1892; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

Mareuel probably spent much of his early life at sea. By 1870, he and Abasha were living in Camden with all of their living children Two years later, on 8 February 1872, they lived in Vinalhaven where he purchased land. The place of birth of their children indicates that the family probably lived in Rockport most of their lives, and perhaps in Vinalhaven sometime before 1877. Mareuel continued the family tradition of buying and selling land, but Maine vital records indicate that his primary vocation was carpentry (Eaton, *Rockland*, 1:336-337; 1870 US Census ME; Knox Co. Deeds 29:339, 29:386, 39:72, 37:475, 37:482, 45:234 and 45:145; ME V.R.).

Abasha's death came at age fifty-two on 2 October 1888, and she is buried at St. Georges, Maine. Mareuel also died at a relatively young age, fifty-nine, on fifteen January 1892. Ten days before his death, he sold a one-half acre lot and buildings to his son

Arthur Alvin (DAR 175033; MeSA before 1892; Knox Co. Deeds 88:452; MeSA V.R. before 1892).

CHILDREN:

i. **DELORA[7] ELLEN**, b. 10 October 1854 at Rockport, Knox County, ME; m. Alvin O. Keene 27 September 1871. Alvin was b. 14 November 1845 and d. 12 December 1925 (LDS, IGI, ME, N0202, 5443; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

ii. **MAREUEL HENRY**, b. 14 November 1856 at Rockport (LDS, IGI, ME, N0202, 5444; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

iii. **SUSAN JOSEPHINE**, b. 21 November 1858 at Rockport; m. Charles F. Shaw 24 December 1879. Susan J. d. 3 March 1925. Ch. (surname **Shaw**): 1. *Charles Herbert* b. 18 January 1883; m. Anna Lillian Tucker 28 November 1901. (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

iv. **PHILIP T.**, b. 6 May 1864 at Rockport. Probably d.y. since not enumerated with fam. in 1870 (LDS, IGI, ME, N0202, 5444).

v. **EMARETTA F.**, b. 27 August 1866 at Rockport; m. Thomas Barter 5 April 1900. Thomas was b. 16 October 1850, and d. 28 January 1928. Emaretta d. 11 January 1928. Ch. (surname **Barter**): 1. *Gurtha Marie* b. 1 June 1901. (LDS, IGI, ME, N0202, 5443; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

vi. **MARINDA MARY**, b. 19 April 1868 at Rockport; m. Albion H. Andrews 28 November 1891. Albion was b. 9 October 1869. Albion d. 23 December 1922, but Marinda's death has not been found. Ch. (surname **Andrews**): 1. *Mabel Frances* b. Tenants Harbor 4 July 1892; m. Charles B. Rose 27 December 1911. 2. *Blanche Mildred* b. 6 June 1896; m. Joseph T. Simmons 15 August 1917. He was b. 31 August 1884. (LDS, IGI, ME, N0202, 5444; DAR 175033; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

vii. LELIA ELVIRA, b. Rockport 1 July 1870; m. Walter Tolman 8 February 1888. Walter was b. 25 September 1868 and d. 9 June 1928. Ch. (surname **Tolman**): 1. *Ellen Abasha* b. 6 June 1890; m. James Arthur Pears 20 October 1915. 2. *Walter* b. 28 December 1891; m. Mary Arey 28 June 1916. 3. *Sophronia Emma* b. 24 November 1892. 4. *Harvey Jefferson* b. 8 August 1895; m. Thelma Arey 20 October 1920. 5. *Lelia* b. 19 December 1898; m. Hollis Burgess 15 October 1919. 6. *Ernest Sidney* b. 6 June 1910 (MeSA, V.R. before 1892; Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

viii. ARTHUR ALVIN, b. Vinalhaven 14 June 1877 (Lewis, *Mosman Fam.*).

Chapter 16

Micah Mosman

Yeoman and Baker

16. Micah[4] **Mosman** (George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born at Sudbury on 25 July 1769. He married (1) Rhoda Flagg of Weston on 30 April 1797 (Marlborough V.R., 135; *Town of Weston. Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1707-1830* [Boston, 1901], 185, hereafter cited as Weston V.R.).

During the war, Micah likely stayed with his parents in Sudbury while his brothers went to be soldiers. After the war he farmed, and later in life he became a baker. Following his marriage he remained a resident of Weston, probably until about 1808. He invested in small amounts of land not only in Weston and Townsend, but also in his parents' home in Sudbury. The land and buildings in Townsend were bought for $100 on 26 September 1799, and were sold on 17 May 1802 for $106. Micah and Rhoda probably never lived in Townsend (Middlesex Co. Deeds 146:316, 134:149).

Micah and Rhoda purchased a grist mill, probably for producing flour for baking, on 26 September 1799. They sold this mill and one acre on 29 April 1803 to Samuel Kendall for $500. The grist mill was a tub patent kind built by John Goulding of Holden, and was located near a bake house in Weston. Micah received a small legacy from his sister Sybil's estate (Middlesex Co. Deeds 142:272, 151:54; Middlesex Co. Probate 15601).

On 1 April 1805, Micah and Rhoda sold their home, one acre and a barn, by warranty deed for $150. They had purchased his late parents' homestead in Sudbury for $200 on 26 March 1805, but there is no indication that they moved there, for they sold the Sudbury property on 2 December 1805 for $425. Two years later Micah quitclaimed for $5 a parcel of land with buildings in Weston, the property on which he was living (Middlesex Co. Deeds 161:457, 163:325-26, 173:326).

Rhoda's death occurred at Weston in June 1808. Following her death Micah married (2) Nancy Worcester at Bolton on 19 Novem-

ber 1826. Nancy was born about 1766. No further records about Micah have been found except for his death on 22 August 1842 at age seventy-three. A Michiel appears in Bolton vital records with the same date of death as Micah, a coincidence explainable as a recording error. Nancy followed him in death on 4 November 1851 at the age of eighty-five (Weston V.R., 563; Bolton V.R., 154; MaSA 3:165, 59:104 and 59:109).

CHILDREN:

i. **RHODA**[5], b. ca. 1798; m. William Loker, int. 2 April 1826 (Waltham V.R., 184).

ii. **MARY**, b. Weston ca. 1800; m. William Johnson, int. 28 July 1833. Ch. (surname **Johnson**): 1. *Mary Elizabeth* b. W. Newton 4 August 1834. 2. *William Henry* b. W. Newton 6 July 1836. 3. *Martha Field* b. W. Newton 24 December 1841. 4. *Charles Edward* b. W. Newton 6 December 1845 (Newton V.R., 322 and 122).

35. iii. **GEORGE**, b. Weston ca. 1803 (Newton VRs).

George Mosman

Shoemaker

35. George[5] **Mosman** (Micah[4], George[3] Timothy[2], James[1]) was born in Weston, Middlesex County Massachusetts ca. 1803. He married Sarah Ann Winship on 8 April 1827. Sarah Ann was born at Newton, Massachusetts ca. 1805 (Newton VRs:482; 1850 US Census ME). Nothing is known about George's early life except that he probably lived in Weston until sometime after his mother's death in 1808. He has not been found in Bolton where his father remarried. He and Sarah lived in Newton until sometime after Sarah Elizabeth's birth in 1836.

Federal censuses in Maine locate them in Farmington, Franklin County from 1850 until 1870 where he was a shoemaker. Rose Mosman lived with them in 1860. Their real estate in 1870 was

valued at $2,000 and their personal property was valued at $1,200. No evidence of George Sarah has been found after 1870 (1850 through 1870 US Censuses ME).

CHILDREN:

i. **GEORGE[6] G.**, b. Newton, MA 2 April 1828; m. (1) Lydia A. Cook 21 September 1852 at Cambridge, MA. Lydia was b. ca. 1831 at Cambridge, the dau. of Benjamin Cook. George operated a newspaper outlet in Calais, ME where he boarded in 1850. George was in Co., L. 1st ME Cav. during the Civil War. Lydia d. at Cambridge 5 June 1856. George m. (2) Caroline M. Underwood at Boston 18 May 1859. Caroline was b. at Boston, the dau. of Nathan and Narcissa Underwood. Caroline probably d. before 1866. George, a widr., d. of pthisis 9 April 1866. Both George and Lydia are interred at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. Ch. 1. *Ella Elizabeth* b. Cambridge 8 July 1854; d. at Wayland, MA 11 June 1869 of consumption. She is also interred at Mt. Auburn (Mt. Auburn Cemetery Records, Cambridge, MA; MaSA 61:50, 103:46, 82:50, 128:56, 221:220; 1850 US Census ME; Nat'l Arch's).

ii. **FRANCIS WINSLOW**, b. Newton ca. 1830; d. in an accident on the railroad 8 April 1846 (MaSA 21:49).

iii. **WILLIAM**, b. 14 February 1831 at Newton Lower Falls, MA. He lived at Farmington in 1860. By 1870, he had accumulated $3,000 in real estate and $300 in personal property. William m. Augusta _____. Augusta was b. ca. 1843. William d. Farmington 14 January 1892 (1870 US Census ME; ME V.R.,s 1892-1918).

80. iv. **EPHRAIM ANSON**, b. Newton January 1834 (ME V.R.; 1900 US Census ME).

v. **SARAH ELIZABETH**, b. Newton 30 September 1836 (1850 US Census ME).

Ephraim Anson Mosman

Storekeeper

80. Ephraim[6] Anson Mosman (George[5], Micah[4], George[3], Timothy[2], James[1]) was born in Newton Lower Falls in January 1834. He was married to Emma A. Craig on 4 April 1865 by R. H. Kimball, a Methodist Minister (1900 US Census ME; ME V.R., 1892-1918).

Little is known about Ephraim, other than the fact that he went as a young boy to Farmington, Maine with his parents after 1836. He lived in Maine throughout the remainder of his life. Maine vital records indicate that he was a general storekeeper (1860 US Census ME).

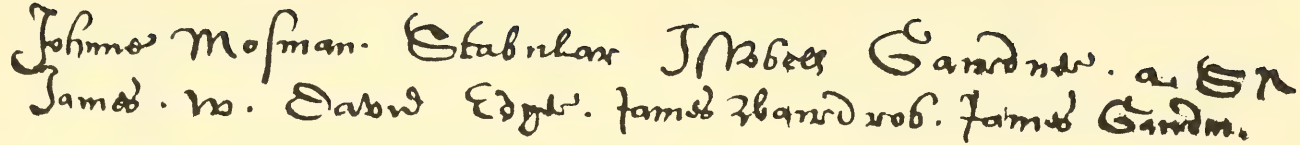
The Federal census in Maine locates Ephraim Anson and Emma in Wilton in Franklin County in 1880 with their three children. They were probably living there before 1876 when Emma was born. Ten years later they are found in Portland where Ephraim died on 15 December 1908. His wife's death has not been found (1880 & 1900 US Censuses ME; ME V.R., 1892-1921).

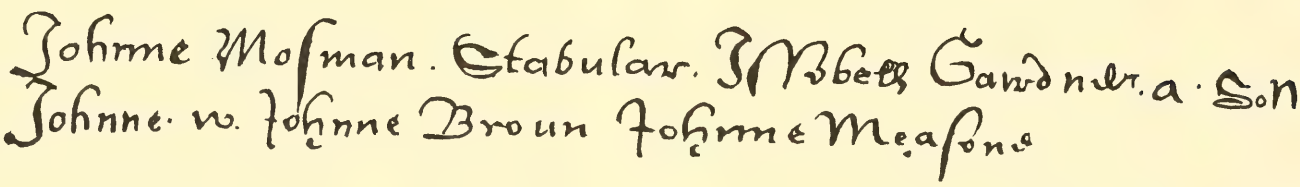
CHILDREN;

i. **MAUDE[7] M.**, b. ME ca. 1872 (1880 US Census ME).

ii. **EMMA A.**, b. Wilton, ME ca. 1876; d. State Hospital Augusta, ME, 26 June 1922, a single woman (1870 US Census ME 1870; ME V.R., 1892-1921).

iii. **CRAIG LESTER**, b. Wilton 29 January 1879 (1880 US Census ME).





Appendix 1

Excerpted Parish Records For Birth of James[1] (9 July 1626) and His Brother John (17 September 1628)

Appendix 2

James[1]'s Will, Made 20 July 1722

James[1]'s will was obtained with difficulty, for it is indexed in Suffolk County Probate records under "Masman."

In the Name of God Amen I James Mosman of Boston in New England, being in good health of body and of sound mind and memory, praised be God therefor, Considering my great age and the uncertainty of my life, Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following, That is to say first & principaly, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping for pardon & remission of all my sins through this alone merrits death & passion of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, and to inherit Eternall life. And my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the descretion of my Exec[r] herein after named and as touching such temporal Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and dispose thereof as followeth.

First, I will that all my just debts & funeral charge be paid & discharged.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Mosman all my money and moveables whatsoever. Also I give unto her all the Incomes of my house and land in Roxbury during her Natural Life for her comfortable subsistance. And after the decease of my said wife I give & bequeath my said house and land unto my gran Children that is to say the children of my son Timothy Mosman, Equally to be divided amongs them they paying unto my son George Mosman and my daughter Elizabeth Mosman Five Shilling each when my said house & land comes into their hands, which is all I give unto my said Son & Daughter, And I do hereby constitute my said Wife to be the Exec[r] of this my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Twentieth day of July Anno Domini 1722.

Signed Sealed & Declared
by James Mosman to be his
Last Will & Testam[t] in presence of

James Mosman

Thomas Clark
Nich. Belknap
John Cole

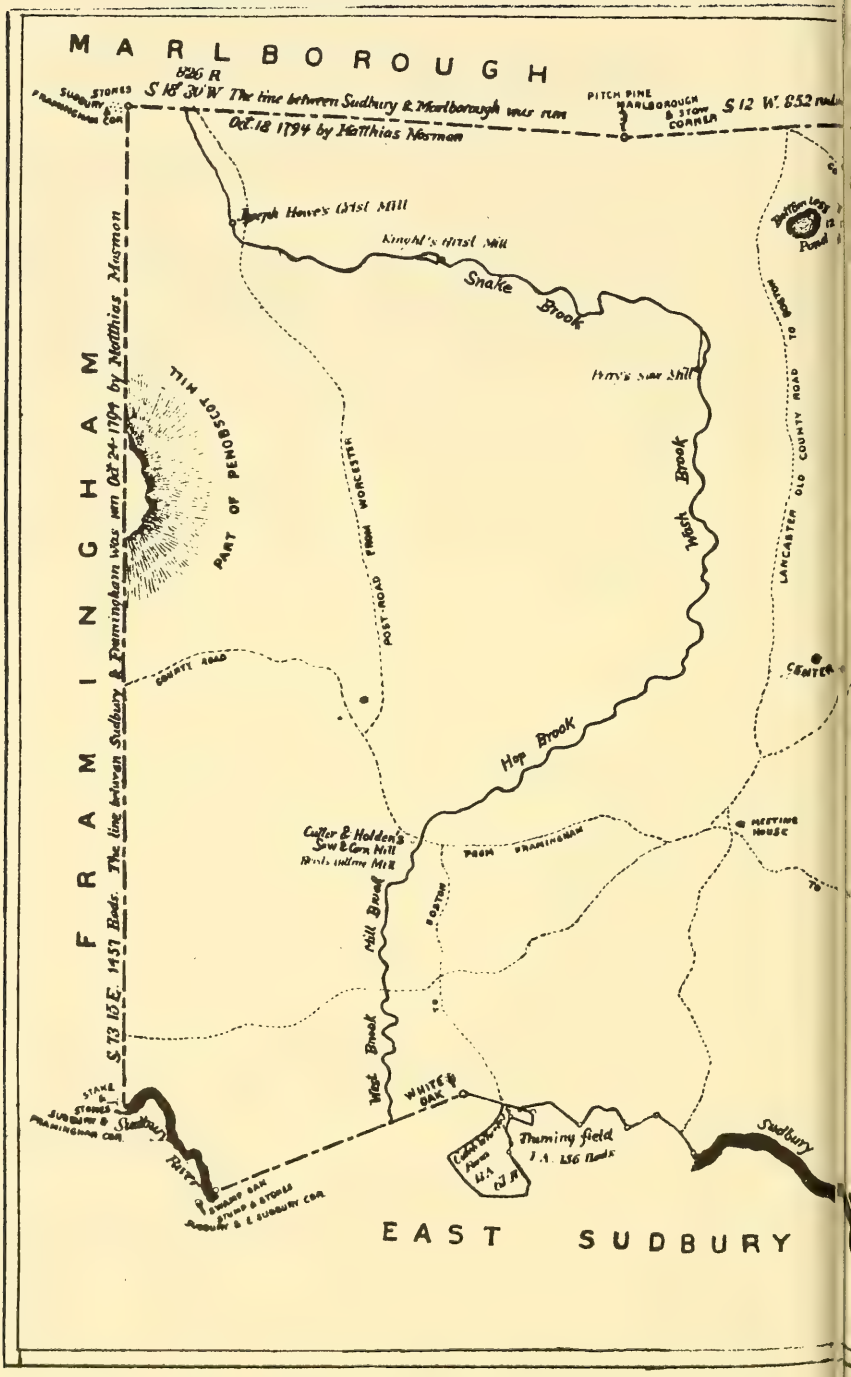
Suffolkse By the Hono[ble] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Judge of Probate etc.

Mary Mosman Exec'tr having presented the within written Will for Probate; Thomas Clark Nicholas Belknap and John Cole the Witnesses thereto personally appeared & made Oath that they Saw the withinnamed James Mosman Sign Seal and heard him Publish and Declare the same as his Last Will and Testament, unto which these Deponents Subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereof in the Testators presence, and that the Testator when he so did was of sound disposing mind and memory according to the Deponents best understanding.

Jurat Cor. Samuel Sewall

Boston Nov[r] 5 1722.

Appendix 3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FRAMINGHAM
EAST SUDBURY
Oct. 18 1794 by Matthias Nasman
Snake Brook
Wash Brook
Hop Brook
Mill Brook
West Brook
Sudbury River
Sudbury
Training field
PART OF PENOBSCOT HILL
POST ROAD FROM WORCESTER
LANCASTER OLD COUNTY ROAD TO BOSTON
CENTER
MEETING HOUSE
WHITE OAK
Cutler & Holden's Saw & Corn Mill
Kingsbury's Grist Mill
Joseph Howe's Grist Mill
Pitch Pine Marlborough & Stow Corner
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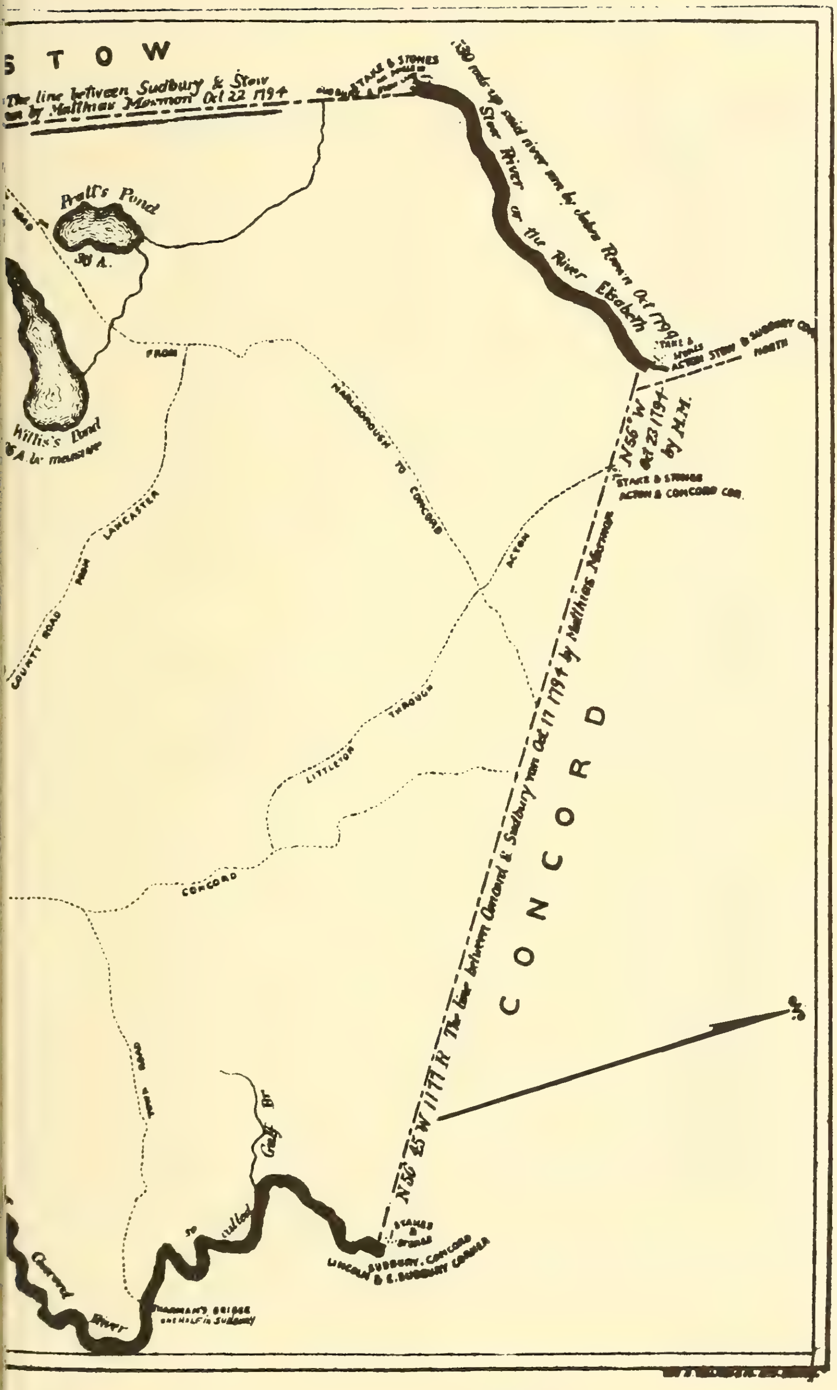
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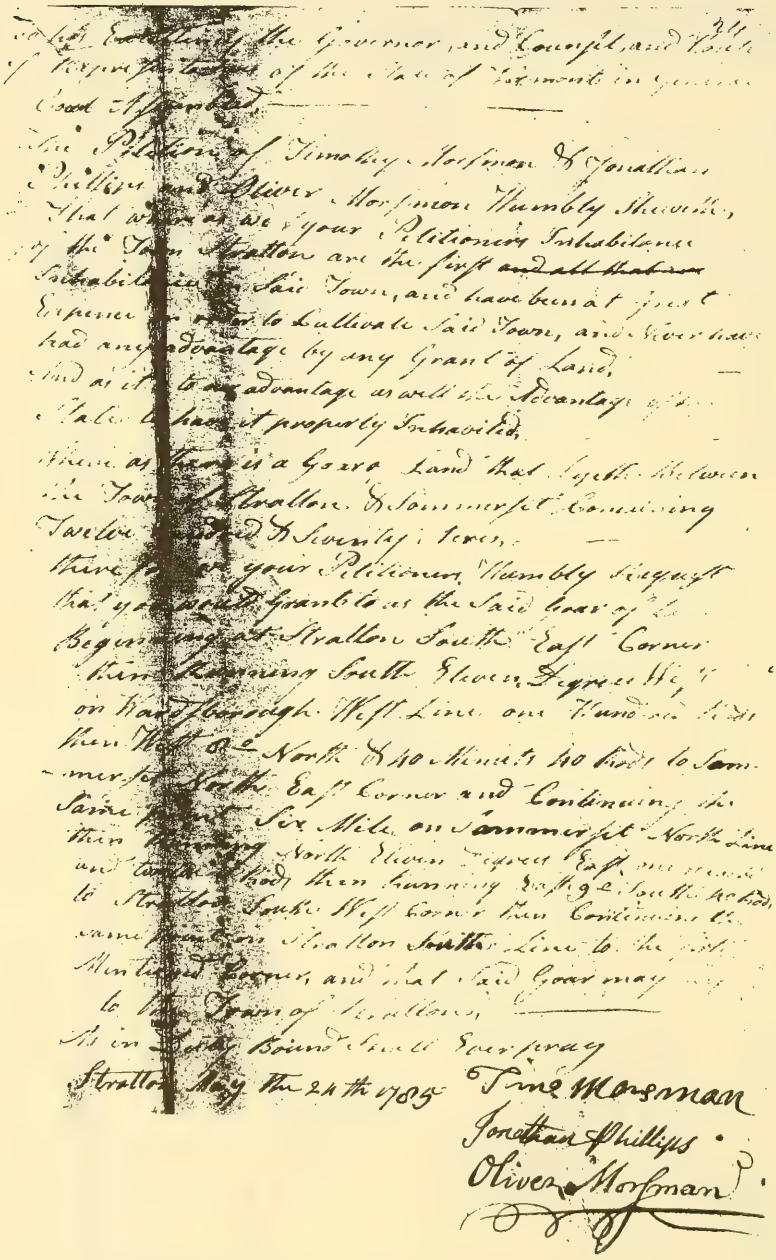
The line between Sudbury & Stow run by Matthias Mosman Oct 22 1794
STAKE & STONES
Pratt's Pond
Willis's Pond
Stow River or the River Elizabeth
N 56° W Oct 23 1794 by M.M.
STAKE & STONES ACTON & CONCORD COR.
MARLBOROUGH TO CONCORD
ACTON
COUNTY ROAD FROM LANCASTER
LITTLETON THROUGH
CONCORD
The line between Concord & Sudbury run Oct 17 1794 by Matthias Mosman
C O N C O R D
Concord River
Gulf Br
LINCOLN, SUDBURY, CONCORD & E. SUDBURY CORNER
STAKES & STONES
HARMAN'S BRIDGE ONE HALF IN SUDBURY

Appendix 4

Petition signed by Timothy[4] and Oliver[4] Morsman



To his Excellency the Governor, and Counsel, and House of Representatives of the State of Vermont in General Court Assembled

The Petition of Timothy Morsman & Jonathan Phillips and Oliver Morsman Humbly Sheweth, That whereas we your Petitioners Inhabitance of the Town Stratton are the first ~~and all that are~~ Inhabitants in Said Town, and have been at great Expence in order to Cultivate Said Town, and Never have had any advantage by any Grant of Land, And as it is to our advantage as well the Advantage of the State to have it properly Inhabited,

Whereas there is a Goar of Land that Lyeth Between the Town of Stratton & Sommerset Containing Twelve Hundred & Seventy Acres,

therefore we your Petitioners Humbly Request that you would Grant to us the Said Goar of Land Beginning at Stratton South East Corner then Running South Eleven Degrees West on Wardsborough West Line one Hundred Rods then West 8° North & 40 Minutes 40 Rods to Sommerset North East Corner and Continuing the Same Point Six Mile on Sommerset North Line then Running North Eleven Degrees East one Hundred and twelve Rods then Running East 9° South 40 Rods to Stratton South West Corner then Continuing the same Point on Stratton South Line to the first Mentioned Corner, and that Said Goar may be to the Town of Stratton,

As in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Stratton May the 24th 1785

Tim Morsman
Jonathan Phillips
Oliver Morsman

Appendix 5

Samuel[4]'s Will, Made 6 June 1815

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Mosman of Westminster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman Being in good health and perfect memory; Do this sixth day of June Annadomini Eighteen hundred and fifteen; Make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner following; that is to say.

Imprimis I give to my beloved wife Anna Mosman one half of the produce of my farm lying in said Westminster; free of any Expense to her for cultivating and securing the same which is to be performed by my Executor hereafter to be named; Also one half of my Buildings & personal Estate for her the said Anna's use During her natural Life.

Item I give to my beloved son Abraham Mosman the sum of Three Dollars, he having already received as portion Three hundred Dollars.

Item I give to my beloved son Samuel Jun[r] the sum of three hundred dollars.

Item I give and devise to my beloved son Asaph Mosman one half of my Real Estate at my decease and the other half at the decease of my beloved wife Anna Mosman. To have and to hold to him, his heirs and assigns forever he the said Asaph; paying the above and hereafter described legacies and bequeaths as described and Also One half of my personal Estate of whatsoever name or nature to come into the posssession of it at my Decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Lucy Mosman, three hundred Dollars, fifty Dollars of said three hundred Dollars is to be considered as for past services, And if the said Lucy should not marry and not able to support herself I order that she be supported out of my Real Estate Devised to my son Asaph Mosman; During her natural life.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Eunice Gaffel the sum of two hundred Dollars; however what she hath or may receive as portion is to be deducted from said sum.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mary Miles the sum of two hundred dollars; however what she hath of may receive as portion is to be deducted from said sum.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Anna Gates the sum of Two hundred Dollars; however what she hath or may receive as portion is to be deducted from said sum.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Phebe Gates the sum of Two hundred Dollars; however what she hath of may receive as portion is to be deducted from said sum. Item I give and bequeath to my Beloved son Moses Mosman the sum of Three hundred Dollars. This and all the above gifts, bequeaths or Legacies is to be paid in two years after the Decease of me and my Beloved wife Anna Mosman.

Furthermore
I give and bequeath the other half of my personal Estate of whatsoever name or nature to my nine Children; immediately after the Decease of my Beloved wife to be Equally divided between them Namely Abraham Mosman, Samuel Mosman Junr, Asaph Mosman, Lucy Mosman, Eunice Gaffel, Mary Miles, Anna Gates, and Moses Mosman.

And lastly I do constitute and Ordain my Beloved son Asaph Mosman Sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In testamony whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and Declared by the said Samuel Mosman, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence hereunto set our names as witnesses to the same. *Sam'l Mosman*

Phinehas Hartwell
Jacob Brown
Jonas W. Whitney

Appendix 6

Dr. Moses[4]'s Will, Made 1 January 1816

In the name of God, Amen. Be it remembered that I Moses Mosman of Sudbury in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Physician, being indisposed in body, but of sound mind and memory, Thanks be to God therefor. Do this First day of January A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: That is to say Principally, and first of all, I recommend my Soul into the hand of God that gave it. And my body I recommend unto the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. And as touching my Worldly Estate wherewith God hath been pleased to bless me with in this life, after my just debts and Funeral charges are paid I dispose in the following manner: Imprimum, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Nahum Mosman Five dollars in addition to Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars he has received money and in other articles that he has received is his full portion out of my estate.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Mosman my Loom and all the articles thereunto belonging. My beloved Father in his lifetime gave to my Daughter Sarah Mosman his case of Drawers and to balance that I give to Mary Mosman my case of Drawers so that these articles are their property and also some pewter that I have marked with the first letters of their names.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son James Mosman my little Guns and all the equipment thereunto belonging. Also all my wearing apparel and my watch. Also, all my small tools for gun work and my Carpenter tools & tools for husbandry and one half of my share in Sudbury mine so called.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Bathsheba Mosman one bed and the beding thereunto belonging and One Hundred dollars in money to be delivered to her when she shall arrive at the age of Eighteen years or on marriage if sooner, and if the said Bathsheba shall not live to that age or till Marriage then the bed and beding and the Hundred dollars is to be equally divided between Mary, Sarah & James. Also my Daughters have collected some property in beding, sheets etc. that never belonged to me but they attained it by their own industry and I have no right to dispose of it in any manner.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my three Children namely Mary Mosman Sarah Mosman and James Mosman all my farm in Sudbury. Also all my Notes and book receipts and live stock. They are to take good and care of their mother in sickness and health and provide suitable clothing Victuals Drink and Lodging and in Sickness a Doctor or Doctors Nurse or Nurses as need may require so long as she shall remain my widow and at her decease a decent Christian Burial and if there should be any of my estate remaining it is to be equally divided between my three children namely Mary Sarah and James and as they are at equal shares in the said Estate they are to be at equal shares in Supporting and taking care of their Mother and for her to live with which of them She shall chose. It is my request and order that my Daughters should have a home at my house till the (farm) is sold or Divided or otherwise settled as they all three may agree.

Item, I order and appoint my son James Mosman Executor and my Daughter Sarah Mosman Executrix jointly and severally of this my last will and testament and I revoke and discharge and make void all former Wills and bequests by me made. Declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Moses Mosman have set my hand and seal the day and date abovesaid.

Signed sealed published proclaimed and
Delivered by the said Moses Mosman as his
last Will and Testament in prescence of us

Daniel Bowker J^r
Susanna Bowker *Moses Mosman*
Samuel M. Bowker

Appendix 7

Other Early New England Mos(s)man Families

These Mo(s)sman families are found in early New England records, but are not descendants of James[1]:

Robert D. Mossman was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on 25 January 1841, the son of William and Janet (Cook) Mossman, He married (1) Sarah Knight at Windham, Maine ca. 1866. Sarah was born on 19 July 1841, the daughter of Mark and Emily Jane (Hobbs) Knight (Musgrove, *Bristol, N.H.*, 2:318; MaBVS 60:31 and 61:319).

In 1878, Robert D. Mossman and David Mason started the manufacture of wood pulp at Bristol, New Hampshire (Musgrove, *Bristol, N.H.* 1:380).

Robert was the Superintendant of the Mason-Perkins Paper Co., from 1873 to 1879. He was later a member of the Tileston & Hollingsworth Paper Co., of Mattapan, Massachusetts. He was a Mason, a member the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association and a Director of the Dorchester Co-operative Bank. The family resided at 1616 Blue Hill Ave, Boston. Robert D. lived on Norfolk St. in Boston in 1900 (1900 US Census MA; Musgrove, *Bristol, N.H.*, 318).

Sarah died on 11 July 1909 of apoplexy, and Robert died on 3 February 1935, age ninety-three (MaBVS 61:319, 60:301).

CHILDREN:

i. **MARY**, b. May 1867; d. unm. So. Wellfleet 14 August 1940; m. _____ Mason _____ (1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 88:546).

ii. **WILLIAM**, b. Westbrook, ME October 1868. He was a graduate of the Massachusetts Insitute of Technology and Ass't Sup't of the Tileston & Hollingsworth Paper Co. (1900 US Census MA).

iii. **ROBERT C.**, b. Westbrook 18 July 1886; m. Margaret M. Sullivan 16 June 1911, the dau. of John and Hannah Sullivan. Robert C. worked as a chauffeur in 1913. Margaret m. (2) John P. Weber 23 June 1946. Ch. 1. *Robert E.* b. Boston 10 August 1912; m. Elizabeth Blanchard 6 March

1937 at Quincy. 2. *James Joseph* b. Boston 17 July 1913; d. Boston 30 April 1937 of rheumatic fever. 3. *Edward Francis* b. Boston 22 July 1914; m. Dorothy Catherine DeCoste 29 October 1941 at Quincy. Dorothy was b. ca. 1912, the dau. of William J. and Honor (Norton) Decoste. Ch. i. Edward Francis, Jr. b. 7 December 1943; m. Judith Elaine Johnson 16 January 1964. ii. Annette Theresa b. Roxbury ca. 1943; m. Donald Joseph Lussier 1 October 1961. iii. William George b. 23 September 1945 at Quincy. iv. Helen Marie b. 8 July 1947 at Quincy. v. Mary Jaroth b. 4 August 1953 at Weymouth (MeSA to 1892; MaBVS 605:138, 22:10, 609:198, 8:79, 617:219, 14:117, 29:33, 41:547, 50:10, 70:161, 119:439, 164:39, 158:382, 2:28).

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John L. Mossman was born at sea on the English Channel. He married Nettie (Nancy) H. Pease about 1854. Nancy was born at New Portland, Somerset County, Maine in April 1832 (MaBVS 104:398; 1880 and 1900 US Census MA). [See also Appendix 10].

CHILDREN:

i. **MARY C.**, b. California 10 February 1855. She married Charles C. Leach at Lowell, Massachusetts 11 September 1878 (MaSA 299:74).

ii. **Alvaro E.**, b. 13 January 1857 Sweetland, Bridgeport Co. CA; m. Mary Eacott at Lowell ca 1878. Mary was b. England 23 December 1853, the dau. of Matthew and Ruth (Chapman) Eacott, both b. England. She came to the United States in 1856 (MASA 104:398 and 360:404; 1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 28:303).

Alvaro and Mary lived in Lowell on 7 June 1880. Two of their children were born there. In 1878 Alvaro was a "clerk in market"

in Lowell, and by 1882 he was a student. By 1885 he was a physician (1880 US Census MA; MaSA 360:404 and 332:142).

Alvaro and his family moved to Westminster ca. 1885 (MaSA 360: 404) where he died 19 December 1913 probably of angina pectoris (MaBVS 104:398). Mary E. died 1915 (from her g.s.).

CHILDREN:

i. **ARTHUR BENJAMIN**, b. Lowell 9 April 1879. Grad. Williams College in 1902. Lawyer Muskogee, OK. 1907. Principal Blees Military Academy at Macon, MO. He was an Indian Agent four years, and also associated with Gulf Pipe Line Co. He was a congressman from Muskogee. He m. Myrta Bixby. He was a partner in the law firm of Roach and Mosman. Arthur died about 1950 (from his g.s.; Clarence B. Douglas, *History of Tulsa, Oklahoma* 3 [1921], 559).

ii. **NETTIE RUTH**, b. November 1881; m. Louis Davis Rice at Westminster 25 November 1909 (1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 587:694).

iii. **ADA AMELIA**, b. Lowell 19 August 1882; m. Walter P. Bricher at Westminster 5 February 1926. Walter was the s. of George S. and R. Viola (Powers) Bricher (MaSA 332:142; MaBVS 19:369).

iv. **WILLARD**, b. Westminster 26 February 1885 (MaSA 360:404).

v. **LOIS**, b. Westminster 18 June 1887; m. Harry N. Howard 16 September 1922 at Wollaston. Harry's parents were Edson H. and Alice R (Norton) Howard (MaSA 378:429; MaBVS 61:120).

vi. **GEORGE A.**, b. Westminster 16 November 1889; m. Esther Jane Curtis ca. _____. She was b. ca. 1896 at Westminster (MaSA 396:454; from her g.s.).

George A. died testate 7 February 1937 at Gardner of influenza and leukemia, and is buried in Woodside Cemetery in Westminster. His wife was Executrix of his estate. She was living

in Gardner in 1937. His estate inventory was valued at $18,939.35 net of expenses. In his will he left his estate to his wife (MaBVS 43:279; Worcester Co. Probate 119752).

After the death of George A. a guardian ad liteum was appointed to represent the interest of their children since they were minors without legal guardianship (Worcester Co. Probate 119752).

Esther J. died testate on 6 November 1956 at Gardner of carcinoma of the sigmoid. She appointed her son George C. to be the Executor of her will. She left an estate valued at $113,173.08 and a house valued at $7,500 to her three children (MaBVS 49;319; Worcester Co. Probate 187405).

CHILDREN:

i. **GEORGE CURTIS**, b. Gardner 5 December 1926; m. Martha Elizabeth Drake 10 October 1953. Martha was b. ca. 1931, the dau. of Harold E. and Mildred (Davis) Drake. Ch. 1. *Christopher Curtis* b. 24 December 1958 at 11:19 a.m. 2. *Drucilla* b. Gardner 3 May 1960 at 2:04 a.m. (MaBVS 32:812, 45:22, 94:8, 95:500).

ii. **DAVID LOTHRUP**, b. Gardner 5 September 1928; m. Deborah Jane Andrews 30 June 1951 at Scituate. Deborah was b. Orange, NJ ca. 1930. He lived at Manhattan, KA (MaBVS 42:52, 50:439).

iii. **MARY**, b. Gardner 23 January 1925 (MaBVS 45:27).

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John C. Mossman was born in Scotland 4 March 1827. He married Christina Rule before 1845. She was born in Scotland ca. 1828. John died in Holyoke, MA on 5 February 1906. Christina lived in Georgetown, Ontario Canada in 1914. (1870 US Census MA; MaBVS 45: 503).

CHILDREN:

i. **ALEXANDER**, b. Scotland probably 5 February 1844. He served in Co. A, 18th CT Inf., enlisting 18 August 1862 at Norwich, CT. He was disch. 27 June 1865 at Harper's Ferry. He m. (1) Minnie M. Dierch 16 October 1868 of Norwich, CT. Minnie (Wilhelmina) was b. ca. 1846, the dau. of William and Wilhelmina Dierch; d. 28 August 1869 at Clinton. He m. (2) Ellen Ayers Johnson 19 April 1870 at Norwich, CT. She was b. Greenville, CT ca. 1852, the dau. of Nelson and Eunice Johnson. Ellen d. 8 October 1898 at Lee, MA. He m. (3) Catherine G. Harris 17 June 1913 at Lee. Catherine was b. at New Marlboro 29 August 1879, the dau. of Charles J. and Jane E. (Williams) Harris. Catherine d. 3 January 1927 of throat cancer. Alexander d. 28 June 1925. Ch. 1. *Estelle A.* b. 8 October 1873; m. Downey. 2. *Alexander* b. 17 September 1914; dead by 1922. 3. *Mary Elizabeth* b. 10 May 1918 at Pittsfield. Mary was under the guardianship of her cousin Ruth M. Hyde at Brandon, VT in 1932. She received a pension with the Cert. No. 968,179 (MaBVS 37:300, 36: 169, 481:71, 64:138, 618:67; Rutland Co. Probate 13956; Nat'l Arch's).

ii. **SCOTT**, b. Scotland February 1850; m. (1) Helen Thayer of W. Springfield 30 June 1875. Helen d. during child birth 12 February 1882 at Westfield. Helen's parents were Manly and Ruth Thayer. Scott m. (2) Mary E. (Tillotson) Stiles of Westfield 7 July 1898 at Dalton. She was the dau. of Leverett and Mary (Pratt) Tillotson. Scott was a paper maker. Ch. 1. *William* b. West Springfield 8 January 1877 and d. 3 December 1964 at Worcester. 2. (female) b. West Springfield 7 November 1878. 3. *Walter* b. Westfield 4 February 1882 (1900 US Census MA; MaSA 271:377, 295:405; MaBVS 117:197, 377:400, 331:447, 286:414 and 478:702).

ii. **MARGARET R.**, b. Scotland ca. 1852; m. W. Springfield Edward Finley 20 November 1873. Edward's parents were Richard and Ann Finley (1870 US Census MA; MaSA 254:67).

iii. **RACHAEL M.**, b. Unionville, CT ca. 1856; m. Edwin Goss 17 April 1875 at Springfield. Edwin's parents were Francis L. and Aurelia Goss (MaSA 254:67, 271:352).

iv. **JOHN CAMPBELL**, b. Norwich, CT 25 June 1861; m. Lumina Morier 4 January 1899. Lumina was the dau. of Louis and Philomene (Pepin) Morier. John d. Holyoke 6 June 1933. Ch. 1. *Bruce Morier* b. 9 March 1902. Bruce m. Irene Elizabeth Cook. Irene was b. 31 July 1930, the dau. of Frederick Horace and Carrie Irene (Miller) Cook. Bruce d. at Melrose 7 August 1947 of self-administered poison. Ch. i. Audrey Irene b. 12 May 1929; d. 16 May 1929. ii. Irene b. Holyoke 31 July 1930; m. Walcott Parmly 8 July 1950 at Holyoke. iii. Frederick John b. 14 December 1934 at Holyoke. 2. *Wilhelmina Testa* b. Holyoke 10 February 1908; m. Andrew Tate 15 September 1928 at Holyoke (MaBVS 23:91, 23:104, 33:13, 47:67, 44:426, 60:273, 489:97, 64:166, 100:467. 521:208, 573:103).

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Antoine Mossman was born in Germany ca. 1827. He came to the United States in 1841. His parents were Michael and Maria Mossman. He married Adeline Reynolds of Boston. She was born ca. 1842, the daughter of William and Adeline (Allen) Reynolds (MaSA 151:339, 154::276). Antoine was a tailor. The family lived in Boston in 1880. Adeline Reynolds, Adeline's mother was living with the family (1880 US Census MA).

Anton died on 1 March 1923, and Adeline died at Winthrop 9 November 1936 (MaBVS 93:121, 93:77).

CHILDREN:

i. **WILLIAM A.**, b. West Roxbury 24 November 1862; m. Annie Lester Hyde. Annie was b. NY February 1865. Annie d. 8 March 1940. Ch. 1. *Marguerite A.* b. February 1893 (MaBVS 66:380; MaSA 151:339; 1900 US Census MA).

ii. **FRANCIS J.**, b. West Roxbury 29 October 1864. An F.J. Mosman was located in Tacoma, WA in 1900; m. Minnie _____ca. 1891. Ch. 1. *Anita* b. January 1892 (MaSA 169:137; 1900 US Census WA).

iii. **ADDIE L.**, b. December 1868; m. John A. Eaton 31 December 1901, the s. of John A. and Sarah E. (Bouma) Breivogal (MaSA 515:346).

iv. **JAMES S.**, b. West Roxbury 9 August 1873. He lived in Gelm, Thurston Co., WA in 1900 (*ibid.*, 251:399; 1900 US Census WA).

v. **AUSTIN REYNOLDS**, b. West Roxbury 23 November 1876 (see Suffolk Co. Probate 65052 re guardianship); m. Edith M. Valentinelli 11 June 1901, the dau. of Domenico and Emelia (Sadler) Valentinelli. Austin was a hardware merchant. He d. 19 June 1952 at Plymouth. Edith d. 9 November 1952 of hypertension and arteriosclerosis at Plymouth (MaSA 279:220; MaBVS 515:135, 553:226). Ch. 1. *Vivian Ruth* b. Boston 26 March 1902. 2. *Ellsworth Reynolds* b. Boston 21 November 1905. 3. *Edmund Roy* b. Plymouth 18 December 1906. 4. *Myrtle Adeline* b. Plymouth 10 October 1908 (MaBVS 523:75, 553:226, 560:220, 576:217, 80:72).

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Henry Mossman b. Germany; m. Magdelina _____ in Germany (MaSA 98; 181). 1. Rosa Mossman b. New York 2 February 1856 (*ibid.*).

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Joseph H. Mossman was born in May 1852 at Berwick, England. He married Etta Geraldine Wolff. She was born Quebec, Canada in April 1861, the daughter of James F. and Isabelle (Taylor) Wolff. Joseph's parents were William and Sarah (Howe) Mossman (1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 529:693, 547:608).

Joseph L. was a teamster, probably for the American Printing & Engraving Co., (MaSA 485:596) and a bookkeeper (MaBVS 529:693).

Joseph H. died intestate at Somerville 29 January 1902 of a pistol wound. Etta G. was appointed guardian of their two children. She married (2) Roden Stanley Harrison 26 September 1904. Roden was the son of David J. and Emily W. (Parsons) Harrison (Middlesex Co. Probate 59491; MaBVS 547:608).

CHILDREN:

i. **BERKELEY WOLFF**, b. Chelsea July 1882. Berkeley was an Insurance Inspector in 1927; m. Ann B. Bruce of E. Hartford, CT. She was b. ca. 1902. Berkeley d. 2 January 1958 at Winthrop. She m. (2) Edland D. Savage 16 July 1960 at Winthrop (1900 US Census MA; MaBVS 131:545, 108:413, 15:188). Ch. 1. *Berkeley Wolff, Jr.* b. Winthrop 18 January 1927; m. Rebecca Fasha Kingery 28 April 1963 at Winthrop. 2. *Bruce Hopkins* b. Winthrop 22 July 1929; m. Ruth LaCentra 29 October 1961 at Winthrop (MaBVS 66:28, 71:269, 123:131).

ii. **GERALD HOWE**, b. Somerville 21 September 1889 (Middlesex Co. Probate 59491).

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St. Clair Isaac Mossman was born Lunenburg, Nova Scotia ca. 1885. He married Rose Mary Drury 8 June 1907. Rose M. was born in Lexington ca. 1884, the daughter of John and Nora E. (Savage) Drury (MaSA 66:11, MaBVS 87:216).

St. Clair was a Teamster and a carpenter (MaSA 567:466, 57:28), and he and Rose lived in Providence, RI in 1909 (*ibid.*, 583:458). Rose died at Somerville on 11 March 1953, and St. Clair died at Cambridge 5 July 1956 of arteriosclerosis and emphysema (MaBVS 87:216, 36:425).

CHILDREN:

i. **JOHN FRANCIS**, b. Lexington 19 August 1907; m. Ruby Madeline Huggard 17 October 1936 (MaBVS 567:466, 471:156).

ii. **CHARLES ELDRIDGE**, b. Lexington 26 November 1909; m. Nora Agnes Cannon 30 June 1940. Ch. 1. *Noreen* b. Woburn 12 July 1942 (MaBVS 583:458, 151:228, 93:542).

iii. **ETHEL MARY**, b. Lexington 9 February 1912; m. Henry Remiezwski 4 September 1938 at Somerville (MaBVS 607:557, 26:86).

iv. **JULIA MARION**, b. Lexington 18 April 1914; m. Frederick Edmond Alger 6 September 1936 (MaBVS 623:597, 27:152).

v. **FLORENCE EDNA**, b. Lexington 14 August 1916; m. David Clarence Russell, Jr. 31 July 1943 (MaBVS 635: 608, 31:299).

vi. **ELIZABETH REBECCA**, b. Lexington 10 January 1920; m. Thomas Earl McKensie 28 October 1939 at Somerville (MaBVS 66:11, 83:96).

vii. **MILDRED**, b. Lexington 7 March 1922; m. Edward Christy Smith, Jr. 6 March 1942 at Somerville (MaBVS 61:378, 37:459).

viii. **LOIS AMY**, b. Lexington 10 October 1924; m. Francis William Garvey 4 November 1945 (MaBVS 63:502, 32:439).

ix. **EVELYN AMELIA**, b. Boston 20 February 1927; m. Anthony M. Bartosiak 8 October 1950 (MaBVS 57:28, 25:94).

Appendix 8

Monuments Cast By Melzar Hunt Mosman

The following list of bronze castings was taken from newspaper articles. It is, therefore, neither completely accurate nor does it necessarily contain all monuments cast by him. The sculptor, if known, is given in parentheses.

Bust of Washington (Powers) *(Donated to the Library in 1913 by Melzar Hunt Mosman)*	Chicopee Public Library
Spanish-American War Memorial (1906)	Memorial Square, Chicopee
World War Monument	Chicopee High School
Ulysses S. Grant (Robisso)	Lincoln Park, Chicago
" " " (Partridge)	Brooklyn, New York
10th Massachusetts Monument	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
17th Maine Monument	" "
War Memorial	Brattleboro, Vermont
" "	Taunton, Massachusetts
" "	Methuen, "
" "	Winchendon, "
" "	Saugus, "
" "	Middletown, "
" " (1875)(Liberty)	Bridgeport, Connecticut
" "	Westfield, Massachusetts
" "	Orangeburg, South Carolina
" "	Lyons Falls, New York
" "	Palmer, Virginia
" "	Winchester, "
2nd Regiment Monument	Springfield, Massachusetts
Bust of Starr King	Golden Gate Park, California
General W.S. Hancock	Hancock Park, New York
Lief Ericson	Boston, Massachusetts
" "	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
William H. Harrison	Cincinnati, Ohio

Monuments Cast By Melzar Hunt Mosman

Lincoln Monument *(N.B. cast from sixty-six Civil War Cannons)*	Springfield, Illinois
Bronze Tablet, Memorial Church	Springfield, Massachusetts
Co.'s B & K Bronze Tablets	" "
Walter Harriman Memorial	Warner, New York
"Faith" Monument	Memphis, Tennessee
"History", Mass. Civil War Memorial	Newbern, North Carolina
Bronze Doors, Dartmouth College	Hanover, New Hampshire
East Wing Doors of the White House	Washington, DC.
West Wing " " " " "	"
House of Rep.'s Doors (Crawford) *(N.B. Senate Wing Doors Made by his father Silas[6])*	"

Appendix 9

Michael Mosman — Hero or Traitor?

Michael Mosman appears in the records of the Adjutant General's Office of the State of Vermont. He was enrolled in Co. E, 8th Vermont Volunteer Infantry as a Pvt. on 21 July 1862. It is not clear where or why he enlisted in the Vermont Infantry, but his place of residence was Algiers, Louisiana. There were three others from Louisiana in the same regiment, but no others from southern states suggesting that the four might have been deserters from Confederate forces.

Michael's date of birth has not been found but it was likely about 1842. His parents were Michael and Catherina (Eirheustien) Mosman. They also had a daughter, Bavet, born 15 _____1852, probably in Louisiana. Years later deponents to her pension application indicated that they thought the family was from Germany, and it was probably there that Michael, Jr. was born.

Michael's tour of duty in the Vermont forces was short and tragic. After his enrollment in July of 1862, he was taken prisoner by Confederate Rebels on 4 September of that year. By 24 October he was court martialed and shot as a traitor at Bayou Des Allemande, Louisiana, an event which tends to confirm that he originally defected to Northern forces.

Michael's sister Bavet applied for a pension on 13 May 1890 based on his military record. She was a resident of Thibideaux, La-Fourche Parish Louisiana at the time. The application was assigned the No. 422640. By 26 September 1892, the claim had not been processed, and there is no evidence to indicate that it was approved. A possible complication was the lack of record due to the fact that the family lived in Malagay, Lapudie Louisiana, a remote parrish where there were no churches.

This account about Michael is included here in order to clarify a New England record concerning the name Mosman. All of the above data come from the National Archives and from the State of Vermont, Adjutant General's Office.

Apendix 10

The Mystery of John L. Mosman

There are two John L. Mos(s)mans but the parallels between their lives suggest that they may be one and the same person. In order to distinguish between them, they are referred to here as JohnA and JohnB. Each leaves some evidence of his origin, but little about their ultimate fate has been found. Considerable information about their two families has been uncovered.

JohnA was born at Belfast, Maine on 28 October 1806. Presumably he spent his early years there, for on the 6th of December 1829 he married Mary Jane Graham at Belfast. She was born there, on 29 November 1809. The first three children from this marriage were born in Maine:

> James Albert b. 12 September 1830 at Lincolnville,
> Wellington A. b. 26 April 1832 at Monticello and
> Cyrus b. 12 January 1835 at Bangor.

These vital records are from a family bible which also records the birth of two more children, this time at Chester, Illinois:

> Caroline L. b. 18 September 1839 and
> Chesley Augustus b. 28 September 1842.

No vital records are available from the towns of Belfast, Maine or Chester, Illinois to confirm the births of Caroline and Chesley Augustus nor has any census record been found to support these data. The bible also records the deaths of James Albert, Cyrus and their mother Mary Jane, but they are not confirmed in later pension records. It may be that the family moved from Chester to St. Louis sometime after 1842, a distance of about sixty miles. An event occurred much further away in January of 1848 that may have profoundly affected the family's future, namely Sutter's discovery of gold in California's Sacramento Valley. Word of the discovery spread like wildfire and by 1849 the Gold Rush was on. JohnA and his eighteen year old son Wellington probably were among those drawn west sometime after 1848, but Chesley because of his age did not go apparently remaining in the care of the oldest son or others. It is most likely that Mary Jane died before the departure of her husband and son since her death was recorded by JohnA in the family bible.

The bible records were presented to the Pension Bureau about 1912 by Chesley A. Mosman when he applied for a military pension. He indicates that the writing is that of his father. In his application, Chesley states that his father, JohnA, was ". . .in the south at the breaking out of the Civil War, and no tidings from him or from my brother Wellington A. were ever received after the war began." John's death and that of Wellington are likely the reason that they never contacted the family again. In the 1850 Federal census taken at St. Louis, Missouri there is a John L. Mosman listed who was enumerated as a carpenter on the Steamboat *Prairie State*. It probably plied the Mississippi River, and sailed toward New Orleans "in the south."

There is considerable information about Chesley A., the youngest son. He attended High School in St. Louis. He was five feet seven inches tall and had a dark complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair. He weighed one hundred and forty pounds. He was working as a mill-wright when he enlisted in Co. D of the 9th Missouri Volunteer Infantry on 27 July 1861. The unit later transferred to Illinois and was designated as the 59th Illinois Infantry. Chesley became a First Lieutenant, was discharged, later reenlisted and served in the Army of the Cumberland. He was mustered out at New Branfels, Texas on 8 December 1865 and released at Springfield, Illinois on 15 January 1866.

After the war Chesley lived in Centralia, Wood County Wisconsin for two years, returning to St. Louis in 1868. He moved to St. Joseph Buchanan County Missouri on 15 December 1868 where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the Circuit Judge of the Sixth District.

Chesley married Rocelia S. Norton on 27 December 1869 at Kewanee, Illinois. They had four children:

Oliver Clayton b. 27 September 1870,
Ruth b. 13 February 1872,
Burroughs N. b. 17 April 1876 and
Helen b. 17 August 1877.

Chesley died on 18 January 1914 at St. Joseph, and a considerable amount of data about his descendants has been accumulated.

JohnB was born at sea or on the English Channel, according to the death certificates of his children. His early life was likely in New England for, according to the History of Worcester County Massachusetts, JohnB and his wife _____ crossed the plains to Illinois at the time of the Gold Rush. Neither her name or her birth and death records have been found, but she probably died before 1854 a fact documented by JohnB's marriage to Nancy (Nettie) Pease, his second wife, about 1854. Nettie was born at New Portland, Somerset County Maine in April 1836, the daughter of Joseph and Charlotte (Morrison) Pease. JohnB and Nancy had two children both apparently born in California:

Mary b. CA 10 February 1855; m. Charles C. Leach. Mary died 5 November 1926, and

Alvaro b. Sweetland, CA 13 January 1857.

Nettie, a widow, was located in Bridgeport Twp. (Sweetland), Nevada County California with her two children in the 1860 Federal census. Nancy returned to Dracut, Massachusetts in 1870 with her children. She was at that time married to George Kelly, a "...man who hunted for gold." Nancy (Pease) Kelley died in Dracut on 17 May 1896. Her son's life and descendants are given in Appendix 7.

Both John L.s apparently had roots in New England, and both were drawn westward about the same time. They both lived in Illinois for a period, and their genealogical trails end about the same time. Many questions remain to be answered:

Who were the parents of the two John L.s, and did they live in New England?

Why are there no records in Maine to confirm the vital records given in the family bible for JohnA, his wife and his children?

When and where did Mary Jane (Graham) Mosman and her four oldest children die?

How, when and where did JohnA die? (after 1842 and likely before 1861)

Who was JohnB's wife, and where did they make their home in New England?

When and where did JohnB marry Nettie Pease? (likely California about 1854)

How, when and where did JohnB die? (likely in California after 1857 and before 1860)

Why did the two John L.s spell their surname differently? (It was not uncommon for Mosmans to change the spelling to "Mossman")

This compiler accepts the "one and the same person" hypothesis because of the many parallels in their lives. He also feels that John L. Mos(s)man migrated to this country perhaps as an illegal alien. There is no evidence to link him to the descendants of James[1], although Aaron[4], Dr. Nahum[5] and James[5] would be the most likely fathers. The reader can judge for himself from the data about them. The compiler is indebted to Christopher Mossman of Westminster, Massachusetts, Dr. Alvaro's great grandson, for data and observations offered concerning his pedigree. Can you supply any additional facts relative to the hypothesis?

Appendix 11

Harmon Morseman — Wagon Maker

Harmon Morseman was born in Vermont in 1806, according to the New York census of 1850. His wife was listed that year as Mary A. _____ who was born in New York about 1805. They married about 1828, a date estimated from the birth of Priscilla. The family moved to New York after 1830, the year Hiram was born. Harmon and Mary's whereabouts are unknown until they are enumerated in Woodhull, Steuben County New York in the 1850 census. His occupation is given as wagon maker in that census. Priscilla is located in the same town that year and she is therefore probably their oldest daughter. Eight younger children were members of the household in 1850, and they owned a modest $500 worth of real estate (1850 US Census NY).

Who were Harmon's parents? The name Morseman and his birth place suggest that he was from one of the four Morsman families descended from Timothy[3]. His location in Steuben County would suggest that he was the grandson of Timothy[4], who died in Campbell of that county in 1826. The problem with that pedigree is that no evidence has been found regarding Timothy[4]'s son. There are other possible parents, viz., Timothy[5] J., son of William[4], whose existence ends in Rome, New York with the death of his father.

Pension application records indicate that Harmon and his family moved to Michigan, probably sometime after 1850, where they settled in the town of Jonesville in Hillsdale County. No records for Harmon or Mary have been found there, but Harmon's death occurred after 13 June 1885 (Nat'l Arch's).

CHILDREN:

i. **PRISCILLA**, (conjectural) b. ca. 1829 in Vermont. She lived in Woodhull, New York in 1850 with the family of Louis Henick (1850 US Census NY).

ii. **HIRAM**, (conjectural) b. in Vermont in August 1830 (1900 US Census NY).

iii. **FREDERICK**, b. NY ca. 1832 (1850 US Census NY).

iv. **CHARLOTTE**, b. NY ca. 1835 (*ibid.*).

v. JANE, b. NY ca. 1837 (*ibid.*).

vi. JAMES R., b. NY ca. 1838 (*ibid.*).

vii. HELLEN, b. NY ca. 1841 (*ibid.*).

viii. ALBERT, b. NY ca. 1843 (*ibid.*).

ix. EMELINE, b. NY ca. 1844 (*ibid.*).

x. MATILDA, b. NY ca. 1848 (*ibid.*).

There is additional information about the sons Hiram, James and Albert. The latter two were Union soldiers, and their story will appear in Voume 2, supplemented perhaps by new information found or supplied by family members.

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